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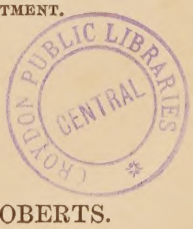

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DOMESTIC PAPERS.

JAMES I.

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1623.

July 1. 1. Receipt by Romano Gutieres from Lord Zouch for 25*l.*, in full payment for corn brought into Dover by the ship Hunter.

July 1. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 2. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Fears Mr. Cottington does not deal sincerely with him (Edw. Nicholas), in reference to the place which he wishes for about the Prince. Has accepted, under certain terms, the offer of a Fellowship of Winchester, despairing to succeed Dr. Love as prebend. Sends the Pope's letter to the Prince, and Dean Corbett's verses to Buckingham.

July ? 3. Petition of Millicent Lady Green to the Council, to compel Mr. Stevens and Mr. Cull, her tenants, who, having used her land to grow wood, and thereby greatly impoverished it, now wish to surrender their lease or pay less rent, to adhere to their former bargain.

[July 1]. 4. Petition of the Same to the Same. Their order that Sir Michael Green should convey to her in trust for her maintenance a farm called Ives, ground value about 90*l.* per ann., has been utterly defeated, by his displacing the tenants, cutting down the woods, &c. Requests fulfilment of the order.

July 1. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Glover, of Garthorpe, co. Rutland, of pardon for life only, for highway robbery, he being penitent and this his first offence. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 5.]

July [1]. Docquet of the above.

July 1. Westminster. Grant, with survivorship, to Wm. Carr, Groom of the Bedchamber, and Frances, his wife, of an annuity of 500*l.*, in consideration of service. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 6.]

July [1]. Docquet of the above.

July [1]. Warrant for Wm. Heather, Doctor of Music and Gentleman of the Chapel, to preserve the King's game within the Manor of Bexley and the River Cray, from Orpington to the Thames, Kent. [*Docquet.*]

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1623.
July 1. St. Martin's Lane. 5. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Spanish Ambassadors acknowledge the King's favour in reference to the ships questioned in the Admiralty Court; they are greatly concerned about the non-arrival of Mr. Killigrew. The Lords wonder at His Majesty's reproofs for being absent from council, having attended diligently on the Virginia and other businesses. Will communicate his commands concerning Ormus to the Governor of the East India Company.

July 1. London. 6. Capt. Thos. Conway to his father, Sec. Conway. Thanks him for procuring the King's special request to the Navy Commissioners, to obtain, for a lady not named, a lease on an estate from the hands of the East India Company; she intreats his influence to secure expedition in her cause, and to bespeak patience in examination of her witnesses.

July 1. Oatlands. 7. [The Same] to the Navy Commissioners. Was induced to request that they might decide on the cause of Lady Dale, widow of Sir Thos. Dale, cousin to his first wife, by a persuasion of the justice of her cause, and of their equity and wisdom. Intreats them to give it a patient and careful hearing, and will never question the justice of their sentence.

July. Minute of the above, dated July 2. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 2. [Oatlands.] 8. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Sends the petition of Dame Margaret Spencer for the wardship of her son, Sir William, which was presented through the Spanish Ambassador to the King, and by him referred to his lordship; and also the copy of the reply given, by the King's command, to the Ambassador, to satisfy him and yet keep up the equity of the Court [of Wards]. *Incloses.*

8. I. [*Sec. Conway*] *to Don Carlos de Colonna, Ambassador of Spain. Has communicated to the King his request in reference to the wardship of Sir Wm. Spencer, son of Sir Thos. Spencer. His Majesty is unable to interfere with the usual proceedings of the Court of Wards and Liveries, but will request its officers to incline to the side of his request. French. Oatlands, July* 1.

July. Minute of the above two letters, July 1 and 2. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July [2?] 9. [Don Carlos de Colonna] Spanish Ambassador to the King. Notwithstanding his recommendation of Lady Spencer's petition for the wardship of her son, and His Majesty's letter to the Court of Wards and Liveries, they have given the wardship to Lord Spencer, who has carried the ward away from his distressed mother. His Majesty having ordered a re-examination of the cause, prays that in the interim he may be given back to his mother.

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July 2? 10. Statement of the reasons why the wardship of Sir Thos. [William?] Spencer, Bart., was granted to Thos. Spencer, the Lord President of the Council, and Robt. Lord Spencer.

July 2. [Oatlands.] 11. [Sec. Conway] to the Lord Treas. Middlesex. Sir Peter Young, the King's oldest servant, who is returning to Scotland to die, that "his bairns may see him buried in the land of his forefathers," petitions a parting gift. Though His Majesty would gladly grant it, he restrains himself because of the poverty of his estate, but requests that Young's pension, which is four years in arrears, may be paid up; is sure his lordship would do this if he saw the King's "gracious and blessed earnestness" therein. 100*l.* is also to be sent to pay the expenses of a person who will bring much into the King's coffers, by preventing the export of money from Scotland.

July 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 2. [Oatlands.] 12. [The Same] to the Earl of Rutland. An indiscreet messenger sent with a letter to his lordship at Stoke Bay, has brought it back, saying that he was not there. The King is well satisfied with his government of the fleet, and gives him free leave to come to town, and Lord Morley also.

July 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 2 10 P.M. Prince Royal, Stoke Bay. 13. Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Thanks the King for his expressions of satisfaction with his labours; will come to London as soon as he has settled the governance of the fleet in his absence. *Incloses,*

13. I. *The Same to the Same. Has found a bark in the roads, belonging to Capt. Gifford of Shoreham. The captain pretends a trading voyage to Rochelle, and thence to Ireland and Spain, but has no money nor bills of exchange, nor is a person used to trade. Thinking the case suspicious, ordered the bark to be stayed at Portsmouth till further orders. The Prince Royal, July* 2.

July 2. Chelsea. 14. Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Same. Has taken pains to secure to the King the benefit of Sir Roger Dallison's great debts and outlawries, and begs that no petition of his creditors for his forfeitures may be granted without consulting him.

July 2. 15. Petition of Rich. Martin to Lord Zouch, for licence to proceed against John Thorogood, a gunner of Deal Castle, who has long been indebted to him in large sums.

July 2. 16. Petition of the Eastland Merchants to the Council, to summon Wm. Gore, formerly one of their company, but expelled for misdemeanours, and compel him to submit to the company's orders, and not to continue trading into their privileged towns with woollen cloth, as he has hitherto done.

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July 2. Westminster. 17. Writ of proclamation of outlawry against Sir Rich. Carnsew, formerly of London, now of Buckelly, co. Cornwall, unless he appear to answer to a claim for 40*l.*

July 3. Oatlands. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Nottingham. Concerning the gamekeeper's place at Windsor. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 3. Oatlands. The Same to Sir Fras. Cottington. Concerning a servant of his lately returned from Spain. [*Ibid.*]

July 3. Westminster. Grant to John Jarrett, of Fisherton-Anger, co. Wilts, of pardon for sheepstealing. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 7.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, July* 4.]

July 3. Oatlands. 18. [Sec. Conway] to the Lord Chief Baron. The King wishes the case of James Maxwell, of the bedchamber, now depending in the Exchequer, to be determined as quickly as possible, his post not permitting any long absence. Commends the cause of Maxwell.

July 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 3. [Oatlands.] 19. [The Same] to the Lord Treasurer. The Council are to examine strictly whether the refusal of the Virginia Company to comply with His Majesty's request be on account of their being bound by their laws, or whether this be a mere pretext. The Attorney General is to inspect their commission and behaviour, and inquire whether, in such extreme conduct as they use to the King, their commission is not void.

July 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 3. [Oatlands.] 20. [The Same] to Lord Brooke. The bricklayers that were to build the wall at Theobalds have received 120*l.*, which was their bargain for the work. The King wishes him to look to their proceedings, that the wall may be fully finished, and that they do not spend the money and then give over their work.

July 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 4. Oatlands. 21. [The Same] to Serjeant Crew and the Solicitor General. The King discharges them from their commission to be joined with the Lord Privy Seal and Attorney General, referees as in the cause of Merton College, Oxford. His Majesty is petitioned for further referees, but refuses the request.

July 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

July 4. Oatlands. 22. [The Same] to the Lord Privy Seal and Attorney General. The King thinks the cause of Merton College will be inconvenienced by a multiplicity of referees, and has therefore revoked his reference to Serjeant Crew and the Solicitor General, and leaves the cause to be entirely decided by themselves, who were the first referees.

July 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

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July 4. Oatlands. 23. [Sec. Conway] to the Navy Commissioners. The Earl of Rutland has discreetly stayed [at Portsmouth] a bark suspected to be on no warrantable voyage. If they have any knowledge of the bark or the captain, they are to send word of it, with their advice what course is to be taken therewith. If not, they must endeavour to gain information about him and his voyage.

July 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 60.]

July 4. Windsor. 24. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Rutland. The King much approves his good government, and especially his discovery of Gifford's ship, and the course he took thereon. His information is sent to the Navy Commissioners, and the resolution taken on their advice shall be sent to the fleet.

July 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

July 4. Inner Temple. 25. Att. Gen. Coventry to [Sec. Conway]. Has drawn the bill for grant of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year to Sir Robt. Naunton, and, not having heard that he is dismissed from the board, has styled him councillor, but if that be improper, the words must be struck out.

July 4. St. Martin's Lane. 26. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. The negociation for the treaty of peace is to begin at Cologne, Aug. 8. Is preparing instructions and commissions for Lord Chichester, but he demands more than the usual allowances for ambassadors. Dr. Ryves, the King's advocate, who goes as his assistant, is to have 40*s.* a day. Wishes some expedient could be devised to prevent delay of business by contests for precedency among the ambassadors. Sends a bill of allowance for 300*l.* for Sir Fras. Cottington's journey into Spain. The Spanish ambassadors, not hearing from Spain, are resolved to send a despatch thither if a post does not arrive. Lord Wallingford requests that Sir Ant. Barker may be made a deputy lieutenant for Berkshire, and Sir Fras. Stoner and Sir Hen. Lee for Oxfordshire. Begs that his cousin, Sir Thos. Wentworth, may not be forgotten among the deputy lieutenants for Yorkshire. The Earl of Suffolk wishes additions to be made to those of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, of six persons, omitted by the negligence of his secretary.

July 4. Dartmouth. 27. Mayor of Dartmouth and others to the Council. The Vice Admiral of Devon, Sir John Eliot, refuses to obey their Lordships' order to deliver up the ship of Colchester taken into Dartmouth by Nutt the pirate, and has carried away the order and commission for so doing, whereby they are unable to execute it.

July 4. Whitehall. 28. Order in Council, on complaint of Lady Green against Sir Michael Green, that she be restored to full possession of the farm called Ives Grounds, on condition that whilst it yields 90*l.* a year, she pays 30*l.* towards the maintenance of her son William.

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July [4]. Commission for the Commissioners of Defective Titles to make compositions for the manors and lands found to belong to the Crown, contained in thirty inquisitions, &c.. and, on refusal of the owners to compound, to pass them to the Earl of Carlisle, by whom they were discovered, excepting such as he thinks unfit, granting him the fines thereof till he have received 10,000*l.*; with proviso that Mr. Typper have one fourth of the fines, for executing the said commission, and that hospitals or lands devoted to charitable uses be refounded and disposed of as is thought meet. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 59.] *Annexed is,*

I. *Schedule of thirty inquisitions of lands found to belong to the Crown,* [*by the Earl of Carlisle. Ibid., No.* 60.]

July [4]. Docquet of the above commission.

July 4. Grant to the Bishop of London and his successors of a market and three fairs at Stevenage, co. Hertford, to the use of the inhabitants. [*Docquet.*]

July 4. 29. List of persons in arrears of their contributions [to the Palatinate] to be summoned before the Council.

July 5. Ship St. George, at St. Andrew. 30. Certificate by Fras. Stewart and Thos. Lowe, that Jas. Hall, master of the Charles, of London, and eight others, came on board their ship, being robbed near the Isles of Bayonne by Capt. Jacob Johnson, of Amsterdam.

July 5. Barbican. 31. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Three persons are stayed at Dover for refusing the Oath of Allegiance; the two last committed for that offence were released on bail by the Lord Keeper, a proceeding contrary to the honour of the Cinque Ports, which he begs may be preserved. If the King commands connivance towards such men, will obey orders; but fears that passes will be little esteemed, if persons are allowed to return so soon. *Incloses,*

31. I. *Commissioners of Passage at Dover to Lord Zouch. Have stayed, according to the King's orders of Aug.* 28, 1621, *three persons lately arrived, who refuse the Oath of Allegiance, and have brought over prohibited books, pictures, and relics. Dover, July* 4.

31. II. *Examination of Thos. Wright, of Leland, Lancashire. Went abroad in June last, in attendance on John and Thos. Westley, sons of his master, Thos. Westley, of Kirkham, Lancashire, and took them to Douay. His books and letters were given him by a person unknown, to be delivered as directed. Dover, July* 4.

31. III. *Examination of Thos. Cutler. Is a soldier musician; serves in the company of Capt. Vivian Molyneux, under Lord Vaux, but is come over on leave of absence for six weeks. His books, relics, &c., were gifts, and are for himself and his friends. His letters are from persons unknown. Dover, July* 4.

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31. IV. *Examination of Robt. Richardson, of Billington, Lancashire. Went abroad at Whitsuntide, and enlisted into Capt. Vivian Molyneux's company. Has returned on business for six weeks. Dover, July* 4.

July 5. Windsor. 32. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Zouch. The books, pictures, and relics, about which he wrote, are to be forwarded, that the King may be informed what they are, and return them to the parties if the Spanish Ambassador sues for them. Those from whom they are taken are to be told that they are given up to one of the secretaries, and bonds are to be taken from them for their appearance before him.

July Minute of the above, dated July 4. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

July 5. Windsor. 33. [The Same] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King is pleased with his careful attendance at the Council table, and his faithful reports, and will take time to consider about the rules proposed by the Lords, and the notes offered by Lord Chichester. His Majesty wishes to know how the Virginia Company will execute the rules for their better government, and whether the Company did not make a pretext of their constitutions to refuse compliance with his command.

July 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

July 5. Windsor. 34. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King expects the Prince Palatine to perform his wish in signing, and likes the preparations for instructions [for the treaty], but has given no order about precedency. His Majesty is ready for the Knights and Deputy Lieutenants, and did not pass by Sir Thos. Wentworth without just praise. Has requested that Sir Giles Bray, a wise, honest, and valiant gentleman, be not discarded on account of his absence at the Spa.

July 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 61.]

July 5. St. Martin's Lane. 35. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Don Carlos [de Colonna] and the Secretary of the Marquis Inijosa have been with him to beg the King not to be disquieted by the want of letters from Spain, their master's intention being unalterably to give His Majesty and the Prince all possible satisfaction. The protection for Serj. Bautrey is recommended by Council. The letter to the Archbp. of York and Earl of Cumberland is for prevention of the falling down of a church.

July 5. Westminster. 36. Sir Edw. Villiers to the Same. Recommends Mr. Oliver's business concerning brokers.

July 5. 37. Thos. Philpot and John Windebank to the Same. At his request John Philpott and Aaron Windebank, competitors for the bailiwick of Sandwich, have come to a friendly agreement, the latter resigning his claim, on payment of his expenses.

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July 5. 38. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. The captain of the ship so judiciously stayed by the Earl of Rutland has a bad reputation. He should be sent for to be examined.

July 5. Chillingham. 39. Examination of Wm. Elwood, servant of the Earl of Buccleugh. Was sent by his lord to England, to arrest John Hoye of Thompson's-walls, and took him, after a forcible assault on his house; but he was rescued, and himself and two companions arrested by the towns people of Kilham, near Thompson's-walls. Knows not the cause of Hoye's arrest.

July 5. 40, 41. Examinations of Robt. Scott of Tuckhill, and five other persons, assistants in capturing John Hoye, to the same effect. Two papers.

July 5. 42. Recognizance of Sir Roger Gray of Ulchester, and Thos. Forster of Etherston, both co. Northumberland, in 100*l.*, for the appearance of the above six persons, to answer for their trespass at Thompson's-walls.

July 5. Westminster College. 43. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Requests leave for the judges to wait on the King on Thursday instead of Sunday, as they have so soon to go on their circuits. Has been ending a great number of references. Thanks His Majesty for his present of a goodly stag.

July 5. Windsor. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The judges are to attend the King on Thursday. His thanks for the stag are accepted, and his absence excused. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 6. [Windsor.] 44. The Same to Sec. Calvert. The King is satisfied with the [Spanish] Ambassador's sensible judgment on the state of the business. Sends the protection for Serj. Bautrey, and the letter to the Archbp. of York signed. His Majesty has given order for the Deputy Lieutenants. Hopes that Sir Thos. Wentworth will be admitted, and Sir Giles Bray not excluded from the Deputy Lieutenancy under the Earl of Suffolk and Lord Wallingford.

July 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 6. 45. Art. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Loves Sir John Worsley, and would gladly favour his suit, but fears it is not a profitable one, the same thing having been proposed for another, in the late Earl of Salisbury's time, but abandoned as not beneficial.

July 6. Windsor. 46. The King to Dr. Langton, President of Magdalen College. To admit Edward Hyde, who is well born and deserving, to a Demy's place in that house.

July 6. [Windsor.] 47. Warrant to Sir Robt. Osborne to apprehend Robt. Cordall, keeper of Higham Park, co. Northamptonshire, under Sir Thos. Tyringham, and Rich. Cheltam, his servant, and send them to one of the Secretaries. Also to take the examinations of Widow Stevenson, of Higham-Ferrers, and such others as he thinks good, about Hen. Field, alias Smith, and to search for and send up all whom he deems needful to be apprehended on the business.

July 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

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July 6. [Windsor.] 48. Warrant to the officers of the King's mews, and of the Duke of Buckingham, Master of the Horse, and to those who now have the charge of the elephant there, signifying the King's appointment of John Williams, Buckingham's servant, as keeper of the elephant till His Majesty comes to London. Meanwhile it is to be well dressed and fed, but not led out to water, nor allowed to be seen by any, on pain of the "uttermost peril."

July 7. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 7. 49. Bond of Thos. Butler, of London, in 100*l.*, taken before the Commissioners of Passage at Dover, to appear before Sec. Calvert, to answer to charges against him.

July 7. 50, 51. Similar bonds for appearance of Thos. Wright of Kirkham, and Robt. Richardson of Billington, Lancashire. Two papers.

July 7. Westminster. Discharge to the Lord Treasurer and the other Commissioners for the Secret Jewels in the Tower, for sundry jewels sent to the Prince and Buckingham to Spain, and for others given as presents to the Duchess of Richmond and Marquis Inijosa. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 8.]

July 7. Westminster. Grant to Sir Robt. Naunton of a pension of 1000*l.* per ann., for life, with proviso of surrender, on the grant of lands of the improved yearly value of 500*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 10.]

July. Docquet of the above, dated July 8.

July 7. Westminster. Creation of Elizabeth, widow of Sir Moyle Finch, to the rank of Viscountess Maidstone, with grant to her children of precedency as children of Viscounts. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 11.]

July 7. Whitehall. 52. Petition of Jas. Lambert, John Williams and Wm. Tudnam, artificers in glass making, to the Council, that Lady Mansell may either be compelled to allow them such wages as they formerly received, or to discharge them from her service, her reduction of wages disabling them from maintaining their families, and driving many of them away. With order thereon that Lady Mansell be called on at once to answer to the petition.

July? 53. Petition of the Same to the Same, to the same effect.

July 7. Leith. 54. Capt. Thos. Best to Sec. Conway. Left Margate June 30, and reached Leith July 6. The Spanish agent, Mr. Laing, is at Aberdeen, and his deputy refuses to deliver up the ordnance, &c. without his orders. Has sent a messenger to Aberdeen, but it will be four days before he can return.

July 7. Chelsea. 55. Earl of Middlesex to the Same. To request the King to stay the appointments of the Deputy Lieutenants for Yorkshire, until he can wait on His Majesty.

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July 7. Brooke House. 56. Lord Brooke to the Same. The three miles of wall which require coping at Theobalds Park cannot be completed this year without heavy additional expense. Ready money is now wanting to proceed with it. Has received the reference concerning Sedgmoor. The Lord Treasurer can only allow 100*l.* towards it, but consents to have the proportion of land promised assigned to the workmen before completion of the work.

July 7. Barbican. 57. Lord Zouch to the Same. If the King will have Everard, the Jesuit, stayed, letters must be written off at once, the last orders being to bind over all persons of that description. *Incloses,*

57. I. [*Commissioners of the Passage at Dover*] *to Lord Zouch. Thos. Everard, an eminent Jesuit, landed from Calais, disguised as a soldier, with a pass from Sir Edw. Parham. Have imprisoned him till further orders. Dover, July* 6.

57. II. *Examination of Thos. Everard. Was born at Limsted, Suffolk, and brought up at Cambridge. Has been* 30 *years a Jesuit, and studied much abroad, at Rheims, and elsewhere. Came to England for three years, of which two were spent in prison. Was banished March* 2, 1621, *but has returned, hoping to benefit his health. Dover, July* 6.

July 7. Windsor. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Nottingham. The King commands a restraint of all warrants for venison, within 30 or 40 miles of London. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 7. Windsor. The Same to the Attorney General. To consider of a suit made to the King for a proclamation in the business of brokers. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Windsor. The Same to Sir Edw. Villiers. Informs him of the preceding directions given to the Attorney General. [*Ibid.*]

July 8. Windsor. 58. [The Same] to the Vice Provost of Eton College. The King recommends Robt. Newman and Hen. French, youths of good promise and sons of two of his servants, to the next vacant King's Scholarships at Eton, to receive the usual privileges.

July 8. Windsor. The Same to Lord Zouch. Concerning a Jesuit stayed at Dover. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 8. [Windsor.] 59. [The Same] to the Earl of Carlisle. The fat stag killed by His Majesty was not for his Lordship, who, as chief huntsman, has power to bestow all stags killed in the King's absence, but for the entertainment of their Excellences [the Ambassadors], his noble guests, for whose delight and contentment he hopes nothing will be omitted.

July 8. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

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July 8. St. Martin's Lane. 60. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends despatches from Sir Edw. Herbert, and a Privy Seal for payment of 50*l.* to Lord Stanhope, for post stages during the King's western progress.

July 8. 61. The Same to the Same. Mr. Killigrew, so long expected, has arrived with full despatches from Spain. Lord Bristol' sletters are mere gazetteers, as they have been of late.

July 8. Madrid. 62. Wm. Croft to Lady ———. Will attempt to serve her husband with the Duke, but has little hope of success.

July 8. London. 63. Lady Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Hopes soon to return, in company with Lord Chichester. Cannot get Carleton's arrears paid up. Locke is slack in their business. The King sent her a buck to stop her mouth.

July 8. Windsor Castle. 64. Warrant to the officers of the forests of Rockingham, Whittlewood, and Saulcey, and of the parks of Grafton and Ampthill, to permit Lord Mordaunt to hunt and kill a specified number of deer in each of the above woods.

July 8. Westminster. Grant to Matt. Southwell, late of Little Horsley, co. Essex, of pardon for life only, for coining. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 12.]

July 8. Westminster. Presentation of Thos. Valentine to the Rectory of Aldingham, diocese of Chester. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 13.]

July 8. Westminster. Grant to Agmondesham Pickayes, on surrender of Seth Baker, of the office of spangle-maker for the coats of the footmen, guard, and messengers. [*Ibid., No.* 14.]

July 8. Westminster. Warrant to the officers of the Exchequer to assist Geo. Marr and Hector Johnson, the King's servants, in recovering a debt of 1,240*l.* adjudged against Thos. Jenkins, 42 Eliz., whereof they have a grant of three fourths. [*Ibid., No.* 15.]

July 9. Edmund Hall. 65. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Is glad that he makes so good a husband. Hopes Lord Zouch may succeed in obtaining him his suit. Sir Fras. Cottington should be moved in it.

July 9. 66. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. Think that Capt. Gifford should not be released without giving security for good behaviour, his pretext of trading to Ireland with the money of a debt 16 years old, to be recovered at Rochelle, being very improbable.

July 10. London. 67. [Sec. Conway] to the Navy Commissioners. Requests their opinion on a petition which Capt. Gifford wishes to be presented to the King. If his ship is to be stayed, wishes to know the reasons for it, and, if sureties be required, whether those whom he offers may not be deemed sufficient, so that he may be either set at liberty or put to a legal trial.

July 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

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July 10. 68. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. Can give no other opinion relative to Capt. Gifford, having only suspicions against him.

July 10. 69. Art. Lord Chichester to the Same. Desires leave for John Preston, Master of Emanuel College, Cambridge, to accompany him to Cologne. Preston wishes, before he goes, to have His Majesty's letters to the university for a doctor's degree.

July 10. [Whitehall.] 70. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Devonshire. Recommends Sir Rich. Harpur, long a justice of peace, who has showed great diligence in the King's service, as successor to his deceased brother, Sir John Harpur, whose heir is a minor, in the Deputy Lieutenancy of Derbyshire.

July 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 62.]

July 10. 71. Hen. Shuter to Nicholas. Mr. Young wishes Nicholas to move Lord Zouch to subscribe a certain petition.

July 10. London. 72. Hannibal Potter to Lord Zouch. Fears that his Lordship's intention towards him will fail, as the Lord Treasurer's nominee was inducted before he could arrive at Peterborough. Requests him to defend his own right.

July 10. 73. Receipt by Wm. Prickells of 20*l.* from Sir John Lambe, towards the King's contribution, from Leicestershire.

July 10. Westminster. Grant to Rich. Cobb, of Dunham, co. Notts., of pardon for felony. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 16.]

July 10. Westminster. Grant, with survivorship, to Randall Cranfield, with reversion to his son, Vincent Cranfield, of the office of Master Worker of the Mint. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 17.]

July 10. Westminster. Grant to John Philpott, Pursuivant-at-Arms, on surrender of Thos. Mills, of the office of Land and Water Bailiff at Sandwich, Kent. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 18.]

July 11. Westminster. Warrant to the officers of the Exchequer to take assignments from Sir Wm. Hewitt of debts due to him, in order to their more speedy recovery, he having large accounts with the King, as receiver of the composition moneys for provisions of the household. [*Ibid., No.* 19.]

July 11. London. 74. Sam. Willington to Mr. Hart, his proctor. Desires him to hand over to the bearer 21*l.* 13*s.*, the amount of certain tithes awarded to him by the Court of Audience from Mrs. Smith. Indorsed with order from the Court of Audience for the payment thereof by Mrs. Smith.

July 11. 75. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. The Lord Admiral has desired a ship to be sent to Spain, to bring over the horses presented to the Prince. Have no vessel fit except that prepared for transport of fresh victuals for the fleet: 400*l.* expense would be spared if the sending might be delayed till the return of that vessel, which could then convey the horses. Ask directions.

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July 11. Wanstead. Sec. Conway to Mr. Read. To prepare a letter to the King of Sweden, to recommend a Scottish man back to him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 11. [Wanstead.] 76. [The Same] to Sir Fras. Cottington. The King wishes him to inquire from those Spaniards who have charge of the elephant and camels, what they wish for, and how long they intend to continue their charge over the beasts, his Majesty wishing to prepare their return presents, and to have the animals transferred to other hands, but, according to the "blessed graciousness of his disposition," would work by gentle means if possible. The camels are to be taken daily to feed in St. James's Park, but brought back at night, and to come for Theobalds on Monday.

July 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 11. Edinburgh. 77. Council of Scotland to the King. Capt. Best's two ships have arrived in the road of Leith. The captain of the Dunkirker has used insolence towards a French and a Dutch bark. Four Holland ships have come to Aberdeen; it is feared that they intend violence against the Dunkirker, and will not respect His Majesty's ships.

July 12. Edinburgh. 78. The Same to the Same. Could not order the ordnance of the Dunkirk ship burnt at Leith to be delivered to the King's captains, having, according to His Majesty's command, consigned it to Wm. Laing, the agent for the Spanish ambassador, but have given the captains a certificate testifying to their arrival and stay, &c.

July 12. 79. The King to Felton Bp. of Ely. Thanks him for his readiness to make composition with the Duke of Richmond for Ely House, Holborn.

July 12? 80. Petition of Wm. Hanscombe to the Council for release, having ignorantly offended against an Order of Council relating to carriages between Royston and Ware.

July 12. London. 81. Chamberlain to Carleton. Certain carriers are fined in the Star Chamber for carrying greater loads than allowed by Proclamation. Sir Giles Mompesson has returned, and begins to put his patents for alehouses, &c., in execution, they not having been abrogated by Act of Parliament. The new serjeants are preparing for their feast; there are now 25 in all. Mr. Noye and others refused the honour. The Countess of Arundel is about to return to England; she has sent before her three Italian servants and a gondola. The Spanish Ambassador was present at Paris Garden, at sports with bull, bear, and horse. A white bear was turned into the Thames and baited while swimming. Dr. White and Dr. Featly have held private disputation with Fisher and Sweet, Jesuits. Sir Thos. Roe is in danger of being disavowed, in concluding a truce with the pirates of Algiers, securing the return of 700 or 800 of our able mariners now in captivity there, whose wives and friends so importune the King that he is obliged to give them hard usage, both in words and worse. Spanish tidings are kept very close. The Prince is anxious for leave to return, and has written to the Duke of Richmond to obtain it for him.

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July 12. [Wanstead.] Warrant to carry over to Geo. Kirk, the Prince's Groom of the Bedchamber, now in France, two ambling nags. [*Minute, Dom. Corresp., Aug.* 18.]

July 12. Grant to Alex. Achmouty of 2,000*l.* penalties adjudged to the Crown in the Court of Common Pleas or other Courts. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 20.]

July 12. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Fras. Cottington, Secretary to Prince Charles, 300*l.*, for his journey from Spain and his return thither. [*Ibid., No.* 21.]

July 12 ? 82. Petition of John Hudson, of Dover, to Lord Zouch, for favour concerning the duties belonging to his Lordship from the goods saved from his vessel, wrecked near Ramsgate.

July 12. 83. List of papers signed and returned to Sec. Calvert, as follows:—

Warrant for 50*l.* for extraordinary posts during the progress.

Dispensation for Dr. Sutton to hold two benefices.

Warrant to pay to Mr. Stafford 4,000*l.* charged on him by the Prince, by bills of exchange.

Warrant for Dr. Ryves' entertainment.

Letter to the King of Denmark requesting that Fras. Cleyn, a painter, who has occasion to go over there, may have leave to return.

Letter to the Lord Keeper to add certain Deputy Lieutenants named, for cos. Berks, Oxford, Suffolk, and Cambridge.

Report sent to Lord Pres. Mandeville on the reparation of Bow Bridge.

Three bills to Mr. Fotherley for the Lord Admiral's service.

July 12. [Wanstead.] 84. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chichester. The King consents that Mr. Preston may accompany his Lordship [to Germany]. Fears he will not give him the letter of recommendation to the college [for a doctorship] requested, but rather reserve that to reward his services when he returns.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 12. Wanstead. 85. [The Same] to the Mayor, &c., of Evesham. Suggested to them, when first chosen member of the corporation, that it would be better for the town to have an honest man continued as gaoler, rather than have him changed yearly, with the mayor. Requests that if Wm. More, whom he recommended to the office, discharge it well, he may continue in it.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 12. [Wanstead.] 86. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King wishes the Lords, as much as possible, to seem to come to Court on their own business, and not as though appointed to meet in Council.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

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July 12. [Wanstead.] 87. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The Earl Marshal is to repair to Court to-morrow with the rest, but as privately as possible. It will be impossible to present Sir Thos. Roe's volumes to the King till this mass of business is past.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 12. [Wanstead.] 88. [The Same] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King is anxious that Sir Edw. Zouch, Knight Marshal, should have the moneys due to him paid, although payments of arrears are contrary to the rules, and other servants are also behindhand. The Knight Marshal being necessary for preserving order and justice about Court, and for his Majesty's personal and field pleasures, cannot be dispensed with, and yet without this payment he cannot continue his attendance.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 12. Wanstead. 89. [The Same] to Lord Treas. Middlesex and the Earl Marshal. The King wishes them to examine Sir John Bourchier's petition, and to receive his informations, and any others that may give light on the [alum] business. The works being supposed capable of yielding great profit to His Majesty, the cause is to receive strict attention.

July 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 13. [Wanstead.] 90. [The Same] to the Earl of Nottingham. The King wishes Sir Thos. Tyringham, Keeper of Windsor Great Park, to succeed Mr. Creswell, lately deceased, as keeper of one of the walks therein, his office rendering him the fittest man for it.

July 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 13. [Wanstead.] 91. [The Same] to the Navy Commissioners. The King, finding that Capt. Gifford's preparations were suspicious, orders him either to stay his voyage, or to put in caution for good behaviour at sea. The Captain resolves to stay at home, and asks leave to dispose of his ship and goods. This is to be allowed, but the ship is not to go to sea at all, under any command, without giving security against unlawful acts.

July 13. Minute of the above, marked "not sent." [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 13. 92. [The Same] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. A petition enclosed [for execution of the Statute of Employment] is to be promptly and seriously considered by the Commissioners for Trade, and report made to the King on its propositions.

July 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 13. Wanstead. The Same to the Commissioners for Virginia, &c. To examine an information concerning a quantity of ambergris. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 63.]

July 13. Leith Road, The Garland. 93. Capt. Thos. Best to Sec. Conway. Is about to proceed to Aberdeen. Describes the measures he purposes to adopt for the protection of the Dunkirk ship. The agent refuses to deliver

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up the ordnance till the ship returns to Leith after being at Aberdeen, which will cause delay. The Dunkirk ship cannot sail out but with a spring tide and favouring wind. Intends to man her from his own ships, hoist the King's colours on board, and bring her out in spite of the Hollanders. Their Admiral declares he will not lower his flag to that of the King. Never knew such a thing during his 40 years' service, and if the Admiral persists, will shoot the flag down.

July 13. 94. Capt. Thos. Best to the Council. To the same effect.

July 13. 95. Copy of the above.

July 13. Sunday. Leith. 96. Capt. Edw. Christian to Sec. Conway. Four men-of-war of Holland, besides the other two, have arrived at Aberdeen. Thinks they will either burn or sink the [Dunkirk] ship before she can get over the bar to the King's vessels, which will have to ride in an open wild road, three miles from her.

July 13. London. 97. Lady Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Hopes to receive the 2000*l.* next week. Is not satisfied with Burlamachi, who claims 40*l.* or 50*l.* for exchange.

July 13. Edmund Hall. 98. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Wishes his sister-in-law a happy mother. Dr. Zouch is requested to act as advocate for Dr. Ryves, who goes with Lord Belfast to the Diet. Private affairs.

July 13. Lydd. 99. Bailiff and Jurats of Lydd to Lord Zouch. Sir Nich. Tufton impeaches his Lordship's jurisdiction, by summoning as jurors for the assizes at Maidstone two men of Dengemarsh, which has, time out of mind, been reputed to be within the liberty of the Cinque Ports.

July 14. Sandgate Castle. 100. Steph. Gybbes to Thos. Benson. Has not got ready a proper statement of the grievances complained of against Rich. Harris, but will prepare one. *Annexed are,*

100. I. *Notes* [*by Gybbes*], *that certain passengers from Dieppe, near the Castle, were allowed by Harris to pass towards Folkestone; that he sent after them, but they were nowhere to be heard of, so escaped unexamined. Mr. Jones was warned from Dieppe that some seminary priests were waiting there in disguise, to come over to England.*

100. II. *Notes* [*by the Same*] *of the disrespectful treatment he received, in his capacity of Lieutenant of Sandgate Castle, from Rich. Harris, who detained a room in the Castle from him, and persisted in keeping scholars in the Lodge.*

July? 101. Petition of Rich. Harris, Gunner of Sandgate Castle, to Lord Zouch, for release from his imprisonment, justly incurred by disrespectful conduct towards his Lieutenant, and by allowing certain passengers to pass unexamined. Did not, as accused, receive bribes from them.

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July 14. Austin Friars. 102. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. His letters were effective, the Chancellor paid the money, and then his ship was pronounced well manned, wholesome, and fit for employment. It will be ready by Saturday. Thus the plots laid for his disgrace are prevented.

July 14. Wanstead. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. The King will dispatch Mr. Gresley. Calvert is to hasten the engrossing of certain documents, and avoid the word public. Also, to remind the Lords to come to Court on Wednesday. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 14. Wanstead. 103. [The Same] to Sir Marmaduke Darell. Lord Treas. Middlesex reports that the money for the Knight Marshal is in the hands of the Cofferer. Requests him therefore to do his utmost to have it paid, on account of the worth of the Knight, the equity of the cause, and the King's affection and convenience.

July 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 14. Theobalds. 104. [The Same] to the Earl of Carlisle. The King sends the draft of a hunting progress suggested for the Spanish Ambassadors, in which they are highly favoured in the number of parks, &c. where they are allowed to hunt. The keepers are to attend them, and they may dispose of all that is killed. Hopes so noble a favour will be fitly esteemed.

July 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 14. Westminster. Grant to Walsingham Gresley of an annuity of 100*l.*, for services to the Prince since his repair to the King of Spain. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 22.]

July 14. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Alex. Stafford 4000*l.*, advanced by him to Prince Charles in Spain. [*Ibid., No.* 23.]

July 14. Westminster. Grant to Leonard Bautrey, Serjeant at Law, and his sureties, of prolongation of protection from arrests for a year. [*Ibid., No.* 24.]

July 14. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Rich. Slynne, underkeeper of Horne Park, 30*l.*, for railing in the deer pond. [*Ibid., No.* 25.]

July 14. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Lord Stanhope, Post Master General, 50*l.*, for extra posts during the King's progress in the west parts of England. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

July 14. Westminster. Warrant to pay 1,500*l.*, additional to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, the ordinary allowance of 22,000*l*, with 1,400*l.* paid extra, not sufficing for divers extraordinary payments up to Michaelmas 1622. [*Ibid., No.* 28.]

July 15. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Sir Geo. Marshall and Robt. Cancefield, in fee farm, the hundred of Shropham, co. Norfolk, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by indenture of annexation to the Crown. [*Ibid., No.* 29.]

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July 15. Westminster. Grant to Sir Geo. Marshall and Robt. Cancefield of the Manor of Passenham and other lands, co. Northampton, with the advowsons appendant, and of the Hundred of Shropham, co. Norfolk, value 43*l.* 6*s.* 10¼*d.*, as part of the grant to Buckingham of lands value 723*l.* 18*s.* 2½*d.* [*Sign Man., vol. XV., No.* 32.]

July 15. Westminster. Warrant to pay to the Duke of Buckingham the sums paid in by Marshall and Cancefield for the Manor of Passenham, co. Northampton, and the Hundred of Shropham, co. Norfolk. [*Ibid., No.* 31.]

July 15. Westminster. Grant to the Mayor and Burgesses of Oakhampton, co. Devon, of incorporation, with certain privileges specified. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 30.]

July 15. Bedford House. 105. Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Is prevented from attending the King at Wanstead by a bruise received in a fall. Begs to be excused if His Majesty should ask for him. *Incloses,*

105. 1. *Sir Hen. Mainwaring to the Earl of Rutland. All things are in order in the fleet, and no complaints made from shore. A man who stole a jerkin was ducked at the yard arm, towed on shore at a boat's stern, and dismissed. Lord Windsor behaves very discreetly. Has put the cockswain in the bilboes, for being drunk. Prince Royal, July* 12.

July 15. Theobalds. 106. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Rutland. The King is sorry for his Lordship's fall and hurt, and wishes him to be cautious not to go abroad too soon. The Commissioners of the Navy are to provide fresh victuals for the ships, whilst they are near shore, in order to save their stores.

July 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 15. Marshalsea. 107. Sir Hen. Mervin to Sec. Conway. Has delivered an answer to such articles as the Lords Commissioners have preferred against him, and begs to be admitted to bail, which the court would grant, were he not the King's prisoner.

July 15. 108. Answer of the Eastland merchants addressed to the Council to the petition of Wm. Gore, complaining of harsh treatment in the amount of fines levied upon him by the Company. His offences are, bringing in hemp from Elbing when the plague was raging there, continuing his cloth trade when disfranchised of the company, and by his example much injuring them. Have greatly mitigated the fines which by law they could claim from him, but if he be tolerated, many will follow his steps.

July 15. 109. Note [by Nicholas] of Popish books brought to Dover by a Frenchman.

July 15. Theobalds. 110. The King to the University of Cambridge. Orders them to confer the degree of doctor on John Preston, Master of Emanuel College, who is about to proceed to Germany at the King's command, with the ambassador, and to dispense with any laws that may interfere with the fulfilment of this order.

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July 16. [Theobalds.] 111. [Sec. Conway] to Dr. Beale, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. The King has recommended Mr. Preston, who goes with Lord Chichester to Germany, to the University, for a doctor's degree. Hopes this will be granted, the gentleman being of great worth, and his Majesty wishful to favour him.

July 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 16. Theobalds. The Same to Sec. Calvert. Transcribing of the private Acts. The Spanish ambassadors are to be informed of the order taken for freeing the ships in Scotland. Liberties taken by the recusants, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 16. Charing Cross. 112. Sir Robt. Naunton to Sec. Conway. Is indebted to his mediation for the King's bounty now confirmed to him. Recommends the bearer, Mr. Lord, for the reversion of the Bailiwick of Sandwich, the present possession which he hoped for, being granted to [John Philpott] an under herald. *Incloses,*

112. I. *The Same to the King. Thanks for His Majesty's princely bounty that day confirmed to him under the Great Seal. Charing Cross, July* 16.

July 16. 113. Statement by the Navy Commissioners, of the names and commanders of the four vessels of the fleet now riding in Stoke Bay, and proposals of captains for them, in case they join the two vessels [now in Scotland], if it be not the pleasure of their lordships that either of the two lords, Windsor or Morley, be employed in the service.

July 16. Dover Castle. 114. Petition of Hen. Newman, of St. Margarets-at-Cliffe, to Lord Zouch, for redress, two sheep, his whole store, being killed by a dog belonging to Thos. Marsh, a castle man, which dog, with certain servants of Mr. Marsh, raised tumult and outcries in the parish at night. With reference thereon.

July 16. Odiham. 115. John Lucas to Sir. Edw. Zouch. Sends up a dog belonging to some deerstalkers in Odiham Park, caught coursing in the night, near the lodge. The owners of the dog are also found.

July 16. Westminster. Grant to John Stanley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, of pardon for assisting at a burglary. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 33.]

July 16. Westminster. Grant to Peter Killigrew of an annuity of 100*l.* for services to Prince Charles since his repair to the King of Spain. [*Ibid., No.* 34.

July 16. Westminster. Grant to Dr. Chris. Sutton, King's Chaplain, of dispensation to hold another benefice, together with the rectory of Great Bromley and the vicarage of Great Bentley, Diocese of London. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 35.]

July 16. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Damport, Yeoman of the Chamber, of 197*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*, being a debt due to the late Queen by Rich. Swift, farmer of the manor of Temple Roydon, Essex, and of a bond of 300*l.* forfeited for non-payment thereof; with proviso of mitigation by the Court of Exchequer. [*Ibid., No.* 36.]

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July 17. Westminster. Commission to Fras. Lord Russell of Thornhaugh, on decease of the Earl of Bath, of the Lieutenancy of Devonshire and the city of Exeter. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 37.]

July 17. Theobalds. 116. The King to the Admirals, Vice-Admirals, &c., of the Cinque Ports. To permit the Earl of Arundel, who has licence to go beyond sea for three months, to embark at any of the said ports, with seven horses and seven servants, and necessary provision.

July 17. Theobalds. 117. The Same to Felton, Bp. of Ely. Assures him that his obliging the Duke of Richmond with Ely House shall be considered as a personal favour, and prove no prejudice to the see.

July 17. 118. Lady Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Has spoken to Dr. Mayerne about his complaints. He prescribed asses' milk for him. Recommends a noble lady, the bearer, to his attentions at the Hague.

July 17. [Theobalds.] 119. [Sec. Conway] to Gabriel Marsh. Thanks for his assurance that he is still in the favour of his gracious patron (Buckingham). Sends him a pair of English silk stockings, as he has been detained in Spain longer than designed.

July 17. Note of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 17. 120. List of letters to be written [by Sec. Conway]. Indorsed with notes by him of papers connected with the Spanish match, and other memoranda.

July 17. [Theobalds.] 121. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Geo. Goring. The court grows rude for want of its ornaments which are in Spain; but for the Earl of Carlisle, wearing of ruffs and gartering of silk stockings would be forgotten. Exeter House is the court in request, and Covent Garden the Prado, where a new northern beauty has given a rude affront to the Ambassador's courtesies.

July 17. Note of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 64.]

July 17. Theobalds. 122. [The Same] to the Lord President. The Turkey Company is to be summoned before Council, to consider the confirmation of the treaty of peace made by Sir Thos. Roe with Algiers, especially regarding trade and the redemption of the captives, and to send their opinions to the King.

July 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 17. Theobalds. 123. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King enforces the importance of sending the four ships into the Scottish harbours. The Navy Commissioners are to give requisite information on the commission and directions, which are to be so made as that the work may speedily be done. Asks the time of Gresley's departure.

July 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

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July 17. St. Martin's Lane. 124. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Is careful not to commit the transcribing of the Private Acts to other hands than those of his confidential secretary. The Spanish Ambassador will labour to prevent all mischief arising from favour shown to Catholics, and urge them to meekness and gratitude. The Attorney-General desires a warrant signed by the King for drawing up the dispensation of the oath, and for suspending the execution of the laws [against Catholics].

July 17. Madrid. 125. Endymion Porter to [his wife]. Letter of affection. Sent her a gold chain. The Prince has concluded with the King of Spain, and is to be contracted in three weeks, and return home. There never was a better creature than the Infanta; she is to follow him in March.

July 17. Whitehall. 126. The Council to Lord Zouch. To search all the ports, and to stay the Earl of Warwick and Lord Cavendish, if either attempt to cross the seas, as they have quarrelled, and purpose going abroad to fight a duel.

July 17. 127. Petition of Nich. White, of Dover, to Lord Zouch, for release; acknowledges his misdemeanour towards the Deputy Farmer of the Customs, and his offence in taking into his house half a chest of uncustomed sugar.

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July 18. 1. Thos. Browning and other creditors of Mich. Spratt to Lord Zouch. Pray that the goods of Spratt, against whom a commission of Bankruptcy under the Great Seal has been issued, may be equally divided among his creditors, some of whom have refused a compromise and take unfair means to defraud others of their share.

July 18. 2. Petition of John Smith to the Same, for protection against And. Rand, who has built over against his house and butcher's shop, thus blinding from the sight of passengers, and endangering his custom.

July 18. 3. Rich. Dike to [Nicholas]. Requests his consent to an increase of his brother Jaye's allowance during his minority. Imperfect.

July 18. Hythe. 4. Mich. Spratt to [the Same]. Thanks for his obtaining Lord [Zouch's] answer to his petition. Complains that the Mayor and Town Clerk question his lordship's authority, and persecute him in the Lord Keeper's Court.

July 18. St. Martin's Lane. 5. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Was prevented by business from knowing what the Council have resolved about the service to be performed in Scotland, but will ascertain it, as the King desires. Report of the Pope's death.

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July 18. St. Martin's Lane. 6. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. To procure the King's signature to a warrant for the Attorney General to draw up the dispensation for the oath, or else the business cannot be completed by Sunday.

July 19. Theobalds. 7. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Apologizes for his fault in not earlier sending the enclosed [warrant to the Attorney General for drawing up the dispensation, &c.].

July 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 19. 8. Lord Kensington to Carleton. Has used his best endeavours, since coming to Spain, to procure him his request [for the Provostship of Eton], but the Lord Admiral, though much wishing to help him, is engaged to another for it; will favour Carleton in anything else in his power.

July 19. 9. List of bills signed by the King and returned to Sec. Calvert, viz.: Grant to Robt. Hassard of an annuity of 50*l.* a year, on surrender by John Maria Lugaro of one for 100*l.* Similar grant to Edw. Ellis of 50*l.* for life. Warrant for payment of 9,000*l.* to Sir Nich. Salter, Hen. and Wm. Garway, and John Hare.

July 19. 10. The King to the Provost and Fellows of Eton College. Recommends Adam Masterton to be admitted to one of the King's Scholarships, his father being unable to continue his education.

July 19. Whitehall. 11. The Council to the Justices of Assize for Cumberland. To examine and punish the tenants of Visct. Annandale, Baron of Langley, they having behaved riotously to his bailiff, whereas a person so near in attendance on his Majesty ought not to be disquieted with such things.

July 19. Whitehall. Order in Council that, on discovery of mines royal, leases thereof for 21 years be granted to the discoverers, on condition of their enjoying the whole profit for the first two years, and, after that, giving one sixth to the King; if the veins run into another man's grounds, the first discoverers are to have the preference in the composition therefor. [*Dom. Corresp., Dec.* 30, 1623.]

July 19. Westminster. 12. Dispensation by the King, authorizing the Privy Councillors to take an oath in form subjoined, to fulfil the articles of the marriage contract between the Prince of Wales and Infanta of Spain, and thenceforward, neither personally nor by their inferior officers, to prosecute any law or penalty against Roman Catholics for religion, all statutes and ordinances to the contrary notwithstanding. Latin.

July 19. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Allan Apsley and Sir Sampson Darell, 380*l.* 16*s.*, for victuals for extraordinary mariners and passengers sent in the Adventure and other vessels, from Jan. 2 to 18 June, 1622. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 38.]

July 19. Westminster. Grant to Mich. Reade of dispensation to hold, with the third part of the Rectory of Waddesdon, the Parsonage of Gidding-little, both diocese of Lincoln, or to exchange either of the said livings. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 39.]

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July 20. Warrant for Thos. Pott, the King's servant, to carry over 6 horses, a waggon with 4 horses for it, 20 couple of hounds, and 6 Irish greyhounds, as a present to the French King, and 6 horses for his own use. [*Minute, Dom. Corresp., Aug.* 6.]

July 20. [Whitehall.] 13. [Sec. Conway] to the Bp. of Winchester. Requests that Mr. Giles, the bearer, who formerly taught his children, may be admitted Gentleman of the Chapel, having been appointed Gentleman Extraordinary 18 years before. At the foot of the sheet is a note from John Wood to Wm. Wilde, Sec. Conway's servant, promising to do his best to regain Abm. John's cormorant. July 15.

July 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 20. Whitehall. 14. [The Same] to Sir Fras. Wortley. On account of their relationship, has stayed a complaint brought to the King against a man who, by a counterfeit message from Sir Francis, has taken away one of the King's cormorants, and carried it to him. Is assured it is done without his knowledge, but requests the immediate restoration of the bird, or the complaint must be laid before His Majesty.

July 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 21. [Whitehall.] 15. [The Same] to Sir Hen. Marten. Sir Hen. Mervin, having put in his answer, claims a right to release on bail, and says it is denied only because he is prisoner by the King's express command. His Majesty wishes to know what is right and convenient therein.

July 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 21. [Whitehall.] 16. [The Same] to Sir Thos. Smythe and others. The King requests their opinions on the propositions of Capt. Baily, as to whether they tend to the advancement of the foreign plantations, and are likely to be successful.

July 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 21. Holborn. 17. Lord Chichester to Carleton. Lord Cavendish has challenged the Earl of Warwick on some offence, and it is thought they have escaped beyond sea to fight, although the Council have shut the ports, and the King has ordered all means to be taken to prevent their meeting. Their place of meeting is to be near Brill on Aug. 1. Carleton is to do his duty to prevent the duel.

July 21. St. Martin's Lane. 18. Sec. Calvert to Lord Zouch. The King is informed that a chain of gold and some money were taken by the searcher at Dover from Don Francisco Viamonte, a gentleman belonging to Marquis Inijosa, and returning for Spain. His Majesty orders their immediate restoration, and requests his lordship's assistance therein.

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July 21. Dover Castle. 19. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Sends the "books, pictures, and other impertinencies," taken from the three papists who landed at Dover, and who, at the King's command, are liberated on bonds of 100*l.* each for their appearance. Thinks such subjects deserve "the benefit of their own whip." Has caused the Jesuit who came over as a soldier to be kept safe prisoner.

July 21. 20. Petition of Thos. Smith, Gunner of Dover Castle, to Lord Zouch. Complains that John Waller, Churchwarden of St. Mary's Parish, Dover, has presented him in the Ecclesiastical Court of Canterbury, on a false accusation of not kneeling at the Lord's prayer, nor standing up on the repeating of the Creed; and also that he assesses him too highly for the rates to the minister, the poor, and foreigners. Requests his Lordship to hear the cause between them.

July 21. 21. Petition of Nich. and Joan Roberts to the Same, for letters of assistance to proceed against Richardin Elwood, widow, who retains, in contempt of the injunction of the Court of Chancery, certain title deeds to lands in Gloucester claimed by them.

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to sell certain provisions, value 9,443*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, remaining in His Majesty's House, for payment of arrears on the account of the former Cofferer of the Household, Sir Robt. Vernon, and the present Cofferer, Sir Marmaduke Darell. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 40.]

July 21. Westminster. Grant to Edw. Ellis, Gentleman Usher, of an annuity of 50*l.*, on surrender by John Maria Lugaro, Groom of the Privy Chamber to Queen Anne, of an annuity of 100*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

July 21. Westminster. Grant to John Dingley of protection from arrests for one year, in consideration of his disbursements on copperas houses. [*Ibid. No.* 42.]

July 21. Westminster. Grant to Rob. Hassard, Officer of the Jewel-house, of an annuity of 50*l.*, on surrender by John Maria Lugaro, of an annuity of 100*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 43.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to advance 400*l.*, to Jas. Bovey, going into foreign parts to make provision of fruits and wines. [*Ibid., No.* 44.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to pay to the Lord Steward Lenox (or Richmond), 2,000 marks, in satisfaction for certain defalcations on the Greenwax moneys, granted to him by Patent. [*Ibid., No.* 45.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Alex. Stafford 3,000*l.*, advanced by him to Prince Charles in Spain. [*Ibid., No.* 46.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 150*l.*, bestowed upon Francisco Romano, who has brought a present from the King of Spain of an elephant and five camels. [*Ibid., No.* 47.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to the officers of the Exchequer, on payment of 300*l.*, to discharge Wm. Langdale, cousin and heir of Marmaduke Langdale, of Lowthorpe, co. York, of 560*l.*, balance of a debt of 1,400*l.* due by

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Marmaduke Langdale. Also warrant to the Master of the Rolls to re-convey certain messuages and lands in Lanthrop alias Langthorpe, Holderness, which had been given up by Marmaduke Langdale as security for the said debt. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 48.]

July 21. Westminster. Confirmation of the title and estate of Marmaduke Flathers, in the Rectory of Hemsworth, Diocese of York, notwithstanding simony charged against Thos. Bolland, a former incumbent; and a relaxation of a Quare impedit brought against Flathers in the King's name. [*Ibid., No.* 49.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, July* 22.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant for abatement of 9,500*l.* out of the rents reserved upon the remainder of the lease to Sir Nich. Salter and others, of the French and Rhenish wines, in recompence for the losses incurred by them on the increase of the imposts thereon; 2,000*l.* to be allowed for the present year, and 1,000*l.* per annum afterwards, during their lease. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 50.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to the Commissioners for Defective Titles to pass lands at the old rents, to the amount of 20*l.* per annum, prosecuted at the cost of Sir Dud. Carleton, who is to have the benefit arising thereon. [*Ibid., No.* 51.]

July 22. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Warwick and others, of London, of licence to make saltpetre in a new manner within England and Ireland, with provisoes of not interfering with the present Commission, selling only to the King's storehouses, &c. [*Ibid., No.* 52.]

July 22. Westminster. Grant to Sir John Leventhorpe, Bart., of the reversion of the manor and town of Ugley, Essex, as heir male of John and Eliz. Leventhorpe, to whom it was previously granted. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 53.]

July 22. 22. Examination of Mary Bachelor before the Commissioners [of Passage at Dover]. Has lived 23 years abroad, and been 18 years a Romanist. Returned with Lady Ratcliffe a year before, but went over again to Calais to fetch her apparel. Bought the beads found on her to make bracelets. The books were sent as presents to the servants of the French Ambassador. Refuses the Oath of Allegiance.

July 22. London. 23. [Sec. Conway] to ———. Thanks for letters. The King approves his diligence. Delivered his letters to Sir Jas. and Lady Crofts. Is detained from Court by the marriage of his daughter Brilliana to Sir Robt. Harley. Lord Andover arrived on a triumphant day, when the King feasted the Spanish Ambassadors, and promised all that is required for the Prince's return, which is desired above all things. Andover gives hopes that the Prince and perhaps the Infanta will arrive before [Michaelmas].

July 22. [Whitehall.] 24. The Same to the Navy Commissioners. Capt. Gifford is constantly petitioning the King, who wishes their opinion as to whether he must give securities for good behaviour at sea, or dispose of his ship and goods.

July 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

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July 22. [Whitehall.] 25. [Sec. Conway] to the Navy Commissioners. The dispatch of the fleet towards Spain being of great importance, inquires whether it lacks any new warrants or directions for victualling, &c. Also what is to become of the two ships in Scotland, whither it was intended to send four other ships which are now needed for more important uses. Asks whether the Bonaventure should follow the fleet.

July 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 65.]

July 23. 26. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. The orders for the fleet to sail at once for Spain cannot be obeyed, because victuals for two months longer are ordered, which will require both time and money. Can give no advice about the ships in Scotland, having received no recent tidings, but do not think Capt. Best will need them. The Bonaventure, now in Scotland, cannot be prepared for Spain.

July 23. 27. The Same to the Same. Still think that Capt. Gifford should not be permitted to put to sea without giving security for his good carriage, &c. The Earl of Rutland found 16 muskets in his ship.

July 23. Ship Garland. 28. Capt. Thos. Best to the Same. On arriving at Aberdeen, summoned the captains of the Holland men-of-war, who had received him with salutes, lowering their flags. They promised obedience to the King's commission, and showed their own, which ordered them to make no attack on the Dunkirk ship, as long as she remained under convoy of the English, but to assault her if left alone. Have convoyed her to Leith, two of the Hollanders following close, and are taking the ordnance and provisions on board.

July 23. [Whitehall.] 29. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. The inclosed letter and lists must be given at once to the Earl of Nottingham, as Sir Hugh Carmichael has to deliver the deer to some of the citizens immediately. *Incloses,*

29. I. [*Sec. Conway*] *to the Earl of Nottingham. Sends two lists of bucks, for the foreign Ambassadors and for the mayor, citizens, &c., which are to be delivered by Sir Hugh Carmichael, on his Lordship's warrants. Lord Andover brings word that the marriage was all but completed, that by this time the betrothal will have taken place, and that the Prince was resolved, if the Infanta would not come at once, to return without her. July* 23.

July 23. Minutes of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., No.* 65.]

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July 23. Weybridge. 30. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. On Sunday last the Spanish Ambassadors attended chapel at Court, when the articles of agreement for the marriage were publicly read by Sec. Calvert, and the King swore to observe them. The Infanta is allowed an archbishop and 24 priests, and a chapel for her own household, but no English are to attend it. All her servants are to swear loyalty to his Majesty. She has the training of her children only till 10 years of age. In the afternoon all the Councillors took an oath; the Ambassadors were feasted and remained till evening in private with the King. The Prince and Infanta are to be contracted on St. James's Day. The King dined yesterday at Harford Bridge, on his way to Basing, and ate fruit sent from Bramsell.

July 23. London. 31. Sir Edw. Zouch to [the Same.] The King was moved by his Lordship's ill friends to send for him to Court, his place making it important that he should do as the rest of the Councillors concerning the protestation. Succeeded in preventing this, promising that his Lordship would execute his Majesty's commands, even at hazard of his life. Exhorts him to be careful in this dangerous age, in which all honest men have many enemies. The King has killed a large stag. The works at Bramsell do not go on.

July 23. Westminster. Warrant to strike tallies for discharge to the Company of Starchmakers of London of such moneys as they shall pay in to the appointed receivers. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 54.]

July 24. 32. Petition of Sam. Cade, of London, to the Council. Having lived some time at the Court of Syder Ali, Prince of Barbary, and made friendship with him and his people, promised, at their request, to bring them from England a ship laden with wares, to be exchanged for Barbary gold. John Ball, a London merchant, undertook the adventure, which was very successful, but now refuses to pay him 500*l.*, which he claims for expenses, service, &c.; asks redress. With reference thereon.

July 24. London. 33. Robt. Jaye to Nicholas. Particulars of his property in Norfolk, &c.

July 24. London. 34. Thos. Read [Latin Secretary] to Sec. Conway. Sends two letters from the King, one to a Prince of Germany, the other to that courteous Count of Milan, Rovidius, with directions for his Majesty's subscription thereto. Mr. Vernon has obtained a post under Conway's cousin, Lord Brooke.

July 24. Andover. 35. The King to the Provost of King's College, Cambridge, the Vice Provost of Eton, and others. To elect John, son of Otwell Worsley, his servant, a towardly and hopeful youth, to one of the first vacant Scholarships in Eton College.

July 24. Andover. 36. The Same to the Earl of Rutland. Directions to sail for St. Andrea instead of the Groyne, as formerly ordered, and, on his arrival, to send word thereof at once to the Prince and Duke of Buckingham, and await their orders.

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July 24. Andover. 37. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Rutland. Wishes him a safe voyage to St. Andrea, a speedy sight of the Prince, Princess, and Duke, and then, for return, "a wind like lovers' embracements, neither too strong nor too slack, and a sea as smooth as a lady's face soe embraced," a safe arrival with the applause and joy of all, and a reward answerable to his birth, and his blessings in "a daughter worthie of all reverence, and a sonne-in-law of unmatcheable honour and vertue."

July 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 24. Andover. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. To know whether the Ambassadors will be at Salisbury, or how they will otherwise entertain themselves. Asks when Sir Fras. Cottington left. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 24. St. Martin's Lane. 38. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Has met with the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consult how to execute the King's promise about recusants, but they require to know whether the revenue now coming in from recusants' fines is to be given up, in which case a general release of past penalties will be required, as well as a prohibition of future informations. Also, whether fines of recusants for non-appearance in the High Commission Court, which are taken for contempt of Court, are to be relinquished. The Spanish Ambassadors wish the signature of Inijosa's secretary to be added as a witness to [the marriage articles,] he being a man of trust and quality, though he was not present.

July 25. Andover. 39. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Returns certain papers; the propositions are detained for the King's further consideration. He is glad for Inijosa's secretary to sign as a witness, though not present. He was indisposed yesterday, but is better and hunting to-day.

July 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 25. Andover. 40. The Same to Justice Chamberlain. Requests him to put a speedy end to a controversy referred to his arbitration, between Mr. Cartwright and Mrs. Maynett, widow.

July 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 25. Andover. 41. Note of letters written [by Sec. Conway] to Lords Arundel and Southampton, to send a brace of stags each to Salisbury, by the 4th of August.

July 25. Holborn. 42. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Understands the King is displeased with the Earl of Warwick and Lord Cavendish for trying to leave the kingdom to fight; has taken pains to prevent it, and has stayed Lord Cavendish at Shoreham, in Essex, where he remains in custody of a gentleman. Desires to know His Majesty's pleasure with respect to him.

July 25. 43. Thos. Lord Cromwell to Carleton. Lord Cavendish is now taken, and if Carleton meets with the Earl of Warwick, it will be better to send him back.

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July 25. Whitehall. 44. Duchess of Richmond and Lenox to Lady Carleton. Sends six pairs of gloves for the Queen [of Bohemia's] hands, and hopes soon to tell her of her brother's return, &c.

July 25 Hanworth. John Woodford to [Sir Fras. Nethersole]. The King and the Lords have sworn to observe the treaty with Spain, and Sec. Cottington is to return thither with their signatures. Four ships sent to Scotland about the business of the Dunkirker. The Earl of Rutland is going to fetch home the Prince. Lord Andover brings news that on July 15, the contract was to be signed in Spain; the main business yet unsettled is the time of the Infanta's coming over. [*Germ. Corresp., July* 25.]

July 25. 45. Sir Hen. Marten to [the Council]. The result of the examinations of Sir John Eliot, Capt. Nutt, and Rich. Randall, is, that Nutt accuses Eliot of encouraging him to further piracies; that Randall, Eliot's messenger, confesses to uttering words to Nutt's company which were very improper, but Eliot utterly denies the charges. *Incloses,*

45. I. *Replies of John Nutt of Limpston, co. Devon, to queries in the Admiralty Court. Has been a pirate two years. Wishing for a pardon, wrote to Sir John Eliot, offering him* 500*l.* *to obtain him one which should enable him to retain his goods; Sir John consented, but told him, on his saying he had not the money ready, that he must have money or goods, however Nutt might come by them. Whilst negotiating for his pardon, took the Colchester ships laden with sugars, and was advised by messengers from Eliot to take another ship at Dartmouth, but did nothing after receipt of his pardon. On his surrender, Eliot took his ship worth* 1000*l.*, *and the Colchester ships worth* 4000*l.*, *&c. July* 9, 1623.

45. II. *Examination of Rich. Randall of Dartmouth. Particulars of Nutt's intercourse with Sir John Eliot relative to obtaining his pardon; denies that Eliot encouraged Nutt to any further piracies. July* 23, 1623.

45. III. *Examination of Sir John Eliot. Never saw Nutt till he took him a pardon out of date, and thereby prevailed with him to come in and submit, but had previously corresponded with him about it, and was promised* 500*l.* *for obtaining it; received nothing from Nutt except six packs of calf skins, and laid aside those for the Lord Admiral's use; denies inducing Nutt to continue his piracies, and endeavoured to dissuade him from them, &c., &c. July* 24, 1623.

July 25. 46. Bond of Wm. Hunton of New Sarum, co. Wilts, in 100*l.*, to Edm. Lane, of Gussage, co. Dorset, for re-payment to Thos. Eyre of 52*l.* 10*s*, for which Lane stands surety for Hunton.

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July 25. 47. Articles exhibited against Clement Marketman, executor of Clement Stuppeny, in trust for Susan Beresford, his sister and heir, and her children, accusing him of defrauding her of the said goods, &c.

July 26. Letter to the Master and Fellows of New College, Winchester, recommending Joseph Moore to a scholar's place there. [*Docquet.*]

July 26. London. 48. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The King instructed the Judges to deal favourably with Papists, unless they were turbulent and seditious. He takes on himself the naming of the Deputy Lieutenants of Counties. The old Earl of Bath is deceased, and two days afterwards, his son married a daughter of Lord St. John of Bletsoe. The Earl of Warwick and Lord Cavendish quarrelled so at a Virginian Court, that they gave each other the lie, and have crossed the sea to fight. The factions in that company are so violent that they quarrel in the streets or on the Exchange. The East India Company has revived, by the arrival of three richly laden vessels, but it is said the Spanish Ambassador means to arrest them, on pretence of the business of Ormus. Report that four more of the Portsmouth fleet are to go to the rescue of the Dunkirk ship. Wishes it were burnt too, rather than kindle such a fire. Part of the clock tower of St. James's carried away by lightning. The Council went to Theobalds on the 16th, to hear the articles of the Spanish match. Some of the Scottish Lords stuck on points of religion, but were told that there must be no disputing, the Prince being in their hands, and the restoration of the King's children to be effected either by them, or by a war which would set all Christendom by the ears. Particulars of the swearing to the articles. The Ambassador's Jesuit confessor put on his hat during the prayer for the King. The feast was gay and plentiful. The Prince is so tired of delay in Spain, that he had packed up and was coming away, when the King of Spain made up matters; the contract is deferred till they hear of the King's swearing to the articles. Sir Fras. Cottington will carry over the tidings, when he can see 16,000*l.* paid which the Prince borrowed. Death of the Earl of Arundel's son, Lord Maltravers, at Ghent, whither his father went to see him. Sir Randall Cranfield, the Lord Treasurer's brother, made Master of the Mint.

July ? 49. Dr. Wm. Lucy to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his favour, and requests its continuance.

July ? 50. Statement by —— Lucy that his brother, being descended from an ancient family of barons, comes within the limits of a statute enclosed, and was therefore admitted at once by the heads of the University [of Cambridge] to a doctor's degree, but that certain parties appeal against this act. Requests the King's letters to the University, to allow their act to remain undisturbed. *Incloses,*

50. I. *Statute of the University that none shall be admitted at once to a doctor's degree, except privy councillors, bishops, and nobles, or their sons. Latin.*

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July 26. Andover. 51. The King to the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge. Declares his approval of the degree conferred upon Dr. Lucy, and begs that it may remain unquestioned.

July 26. Newcastle. 52. Capt. Thos. Jackson to Sec. Conway. Failed in his hope of seeing him in London. Acknowledges that his conduct, upon the dissolving of the garrison of Berwick, was more violent than became him, but prays not to be for ever cast out of the favour of His Majesty, whose "supernatural and christian vertues" he acknowledges. Sends Conway two sermons, "The Midland Soldier," by Sam. Buggs, and "The Soldier's Honour," by Thos. Adams. *Incloses,*

52. I. *Capt. Thos. Jackson to the King. Is a simple soldier, unversed in state affairs, but thanks God for patience to bear his miseries, being calumniated to His Majesty and banished His presence. Begs forgiveness of his former follies, his heart being ever free from a wish to lift himself up against his sovereign.*

52. II. *The Same to Lord Chancellor Egerton. Lived retiredly at Cambridge, till called to serve the state in training soldiers, a service now neglected, and he in disgrace, although the cause thereof, the union of the kingdoms, is one which must rejoice all. Is ruined, not through ambition or crime, but in a good cause, &c.*

July 26. St. Martin's Court. 53. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Has taken order about the horses bestowed by the King on Baron Boischot. The Spanish ambassadors are willing to attend His Majesty at Salisbury on Aug. 5, if they may; they will spend this week in hunting and seeing the King's houses. They were entertained so magnificently by the Earl of Carlisle that they say they never saw the like in Christendom. They press eagerly that the orders to stay penalties against recusants may be passed before their next post to Spain.

July 26. Hanworth. 54. Earl of Carlisle to the Same. Had the honour of the Spanish ambassadors' company on St. James's Eve, and though their cheer was slender, they were heartily welcome. Begs to be excused to His Majesty for absence; will wait on him at Salisbury.

July 26. Leith. 55. Capt. Edw. Christian to the Same. Arrived at Leith from Aberdeen July 21, with the Dunkirk ship, followed by four of the States' men of war, who watch it lest it should, as first intended, disturb their fishing. They will not molest it while under the protection of His Majesty's vessels. Have got the stores of the burnt ship on board the Dunkirker, and are ready to sail.

July 26. Andover. 56. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King is willing to extend Lord Say and Sele's bounds of restraint to within twenty miles of his own house. He desires to know what is done on the Virginia business.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

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July 26. Andover. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. St. Leger. The King is pleased to give him leave to go to Spain. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 26. Andover. 57. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King wishes the protestation used to the Spanish Ambassadors to be drawn up in exact terms, and sent to him to judge of. As to the intended grace [to recusants] for things future, Sec. Calvert may draw acts or warrants as he thinks fit; for the past, both as to the settled revenue and fines and forfeitures, he is resolved to give all, but will do so on some public rejoicing. He wishes some safeguard to be devised for Preston, a priest, and others, who, having taken the oath [of allegiance], incur hazard from the Church of Rome, if they go beyond the bounds of His Majesty's protection.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

July 26. Andover. 58. [The Same] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King is pleased that his Treasurer is spurred up to think of his profit, and that the general pardon will be profitable. He wishes it forward, and will publish it on receipt of the good news from Spain, which is daily expected. Geo. Digby, a good servant, but ill recompensed, makes a suit for concealed lands. His Majesty is jealous of such suits, as having been much abused therein, but if this be fitting will grant it. He has also promised to assist Lord Anglesey to pay his debts; he will remember his promise about the Star Chamber fines, but now that the Council has modified them, he wishes the extents to be hastened, that the parties may come to a composition.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 26. Andover. 59. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. To hasten away the fleet and report its estate. On Sir Hen. Mervin's petition, the Judge of the Admiralty Court remarks that if he is committed for punishment, his being allowed bail depends on the King's pleasure, but if he is only restrained for safe custody, his bail should be taken. The King is anxious that justice should not be delayed against him as principal, or Sir Wm. St. John as accessory; but if this point can be guarded, is willing for their release on good bail.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

July 26. Andover. 60. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King intreats removal of any impediment that may exist to the departure of the fleet, and to know where the fault lies, if there be any stay. Thanks for the courtesy of himself and his lady on the marriage of his daughter.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

July 26. Andover. 61. [The Same] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King wishes an inquiry how the fleet was dispatched, rather than an exhortation to hasten it, hoping it is already gone; but if unfortunately it is not gone, and thereby his life and that of his son are endangered, no impediment that man can prevent is to detain it. Seeing His Majesty so earnest, has vowed to him that nothing in the power of man shall be left undone therein.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

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July 26. Andover. 62. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King wishes to know why he is required to sign [a dispensation for Dr. Dolbin to hold two benefices], which he thinks trenches upon one of the best laws of the kingdom, and is a point on which he is too often importuned.

July 26. 63. Copy of the above.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 66.]

July 27. Westminster College. 64. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The dispensation opposes no law, but only the canons. The King has granted two others lately. The gentleman is one of eminent parts, and His Majesty's Chaplain; but if he scruples about it, the matter is to rest. [*On the same sheet with the letter to which it is a reply, No.* 62.]

July 27. Tottenham. 65. Warrant to the keepers of the King's parks to allow and assist the Spanish Ambassadors to take their disports in certain parks named, and to kill and dispose of venison according to the proportions set down in a list appended. *Incloses,*

65. I. *List of deer to be allowed to the Spanish Ambassadors.*

[July 27.] 66. Duplicate of the above list of deer.

July 27. London. 67. Lady Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Has got his concealment [grant of concealed lands] signed; some say it will be worth 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* Has obtained the 2,000*l.*, from Burlamachi, but there is much light gold in it. Had an interview with the King, who is very angry with the King of Bohemia for not subscribing the conditions proposed to him. Is in great favour with the two duchesses [of Richmond and Buckingham]. His Majesty is displeased with the Earl of Arundel for going abroad, though he gave him leave to go.

July 27. Isleworth. 68. Sir Thos. Dutton to Sec. Conway. Requests a warrant signed by the King, to transport a horse and a gelding with him to the Low Countries.

July 27. Tottenham. 69. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Apologizes for mistaking a principal point in translating into Latin a letter relating to Geo. Digby. Every letter written till the fleet sails, is to end with, "His Majestie cryes, haste away the shipps, as you tender the life of himself and his sonne." Mr. Clark brings word that the Prince and Duke are well, all demonstrations of welcome and good meaning continued, liberty of visits enlarged, &c., but the contract was not performed on St. James's day, as expected.

July 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

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July 27. Tottenham. 70. [Sec. Conway] to Mr. Fotherley. The King is willing to accept Sir Hen. Fienne's composition of 2,000*l.* [for his fine], and, on conclusion of the bargain, will give him his pardon and free absolution.

July 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk*, *p.* 68.]

July 27. Tottenham. 71. [The Same] to Mr. Killigrew. The King intends to send him to Spain. He is to prepare himself, but not to come to Court. The despatch shall be sent to him to London. [*Minute.*]

July 27. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

July 27. Tottenham. 72. [The Same to Sec. Calvert.] Concerning the coming of the Ambassadors to Salisbury. Acts of grace to be prepared for Catholics. The Ambassadors to be requested to write to Spain of the performance of all things here, and to supply copies of the letters.] Lord Zouch's letter was about books brought over by priests who are released on bail, but the King wishes the books to be sent in to him ; also about a banished Jesuit, who, returning in guise of a soldier, was imprisoned at Dover. Clark brings tidings of the health of the Prince and Duke, and of their free access to visit the Infanta, but no advance of the marriage contract. The Infanta is soon to take precedence of the Queen, as Princess of England. Imperfect.

July 27. Tottenham. Minute of the above, supplying the absence of the first leaf of the original. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 67.]

July 28. 73. Sir Rich. Weston to [Sec. Conway]. The Lords, wishing to provide for the speedy dispatch of the fleet, find that 300 men at least have stolen away since it was in Portsmouth, whose places must be supplied, and that two months' victuals must be procured ; has advanced money for them, and ordered the victuallers to expedition. Money shall not be wanting on such an occasion.

July 28. Tottenham. 74. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Northampton. The King thanks him for his present of heath poults, and wishes that kind of game carefully preserved for his own pleasure and use, and report to be sent of any persons who are specially careful therein. Mr. Clark's tidings from Spain. The fleet is hastened away, as the party are resolved to be at home before Michaelmas.

Minute of the above, dated Aug. 2, when the letter was sent. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

July [28 ?] [The Tower.] 75. Countess of Shrewsbury to the Council. Is not yet allowed the benefit of the King's warrant for her liberty. Hopes not to be made a precedent of misery, being confined for no cozenage, felony, nor treason ; no Lord nor Lady released during her 12 years' imprisonment has been restrained, except to their own house or one chosen by themselves. All her lands are seized for her fines of 20,000*l.*, whereas others fined at 30,000*l.* have paid only 5,000*l.* or 10,000*l.* Relief has been promised many times, but is not granted. Begs their mediation with the King on her behalf.

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July 28. Totteridge. 76. Lord Pres. Mandeville to Sec. Conway. Those who call themselves the Virginia Company are required to send relief [to those who cannot supply themselves], and to deliver an account of the provisions sent, in order that their sufficiency may be judged of. The Attorney General is to examine their former Patents, and the returns of the Commissioners, that the King may terminate the present and pass another Patent. Meanwhile care is taken, according to His Majesty's directions, to draw up rules for the better government of the plantation. Sir Rich. Morrison, Sir John Ogle, Sir John Kaye, and a good engineer are appointed to visit the forts on the coasts. Lady Shrewsbury requests the favour granted her long ago by the King, to remain at the Bp. of Bath's house at Wells, which is ordered accordingly.

July 28. 77. Abstract of the above.

July 28. Westminster. 78. Thos. Aylesbury to the Same. Sir John Eliot, Vice Admiral of Devon, has divers casualties in his charge, belonging to his Lord [Buckingham], whose interests may suffer by Eliot's detention away from them.

July 28. St. Martin's Lane. 79. Sec. Calvert to the Same. The Spanish Ambassadors send daily to know if the orders about recusants are put in execution. Has assured them that all future molestations will be restrained, but that the King reserves the discharge of fines and penalties already incurred, as a special act of grace on some public rejoicing. They are dissatisfied, because they say that more is expected in Spain, and that, almost all Catholics being already convicted, a remission from future trouble would give but little ease. Has drawn up the protestation, but cannot remember the "excellent and pertinent example" of Mauritius, the Emperor, and St. Gregory, quoted by the King. Preston, the priest, thanks His Majesty for his care, and begs that he and others who have taken the Oath of Allegiance may, on their release, be forbidden to depart the realm without licence, as otherwise they will be summoned to Rome, on pain of excommunication.

July 28. St. Martin's Lane. 80. The Same to the Same. The Countess of Olivarez, in the Infanta's name, has recommended Marquis Inijosa to procure favour for the Roman Catholics. A servant of Lord Kensington has arrived, to buy stuffs, &c., for the Prince.

July 28. 81. Lord Steward Richmond and Lenox to the Same. To move the King in behalf of Mr. Wood's Patent for printing.

July 28. 82. Sir Francis Wortley to the Same. Sends the cormorant by his servant, whom he thinks honest and truth-speaking, and hopes he may be acquitted of ill intention, but will not else continue favour to one who has brought his master into the King's displeasure.

July 28. Augustine Friars. 83. Sir Wm. St. Leger to the Same. Is undecided how to go to Spain, not being hopeless that his ship may return in time to go with the fleet, which will be three weeks before it can sail.

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July 28. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Thos. Gibbs and Laurence Whittaker fee farm rents reserved out of manors and lands in cos. York, Kent, Bucks, Oxford, Berks, Cornwall, and Notts, value 342*l.* 2*s.* 2¾*d.*, in part of the grant to Hen. Gibbs of lands value 715*l.* 0*s.* 11¾*d.*, on surrender of a grant of like value, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by the indenture of annexation to the crown. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 55.]

July 28. Docquet of the above.

July 28. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Gibbs and Laurence Whittaker, of fee farm rents reserved on lands, manors, &c., in cos. Somerset, Devon, York, Kent, Bucks, Oxford, Berks, Northampton, Cornwall, Wilts, Notts, Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Middlesex, total value 567*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* per ann., in part of a grant to Hen. Gibbs of lands value 713*l.* 0*s.* 11¾*d.*, in lieu of lands value 715*l.* 0*s.* 11¾*d.*, surrendered by him. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 56. *This contains all the lands mentioned in the preceding declaration, with many additions.*]

July 28. Docquet of the above.

July 28. 84. Petition of Wm. Mommery, of Deal, baker, to Lord Zouch, for redress for a trespass committed by And. Rand, in breaking down part of a tenement which he erected upon the waste at Lower Deal.

July 29. 85. Petition of And. Rand, of Deal, and Rich. and Martha Sutton, to the Same, against Wm. Mommery, who persists by force in the erection of a house on land belonging to them, which shuts out their houses from the prospect of the sea.

July 29 ? 86. Petition of And. Rand, John Rand, and other pilots of Deal to the Same, that the Lode-manage money received by them may be disposed of for relief of the inhabitants of Deal, and not transmitted to Dover, as demanded by the Trinity House there, contrary to ancient custom.

July 29. 87. Petition of Dan. Van der Speye, of Sandwich, to the Same. The Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich order that he shall not continue his trade of selling hats longer than August. Begs his lordship's favour therein.

July 29. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Allan Apsley and Sir Sampson Darell, victuallers, and Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 8,366*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, estimated expense of the ships, Prince Royal, St. Andrew, Swiftsure, Defiance, Rainbow, Charles, and Seven Stars; the pinnaces, St. George and Antelope; and three transports, to be employed to Spain, from 18 Sept. to 12 Nov. 1623; part of the sum to be paid in advance. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 57.]

July 29. 88. Sir John Bourchier to Sec. Conway. Has received the second reference to his petition, but nothing can be done unless the Comptroller and Chancellor of the Exchequer be authorized to act without the Lord President, who is going out of town. Has tendered security for payment of 5000*l.* rent to the partners of the soap works. Can make good his promise, and bring in the jewel spoken of without charge to the King.

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July 29. Marshalsea, Southwark. 89. Sir John Eliot to Sec. Conway. His services in the capture of Nutt have been misinterpreted, and he is called before Council. The case was referred to Sir Hen. Marten, but his report, though favourable, was not given in till the Council had broken up. Is thus in danger of being detained all the vacation, to the injury of the Lord Admiral's affairs, which are in his hands. Begs furtherance in his petition to the King for immediate release.

July 29. Madrid. 90. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. Asks after her health. Would never have left her had he known the length of the absence, even if the Prince had given him one of his kingdoms. Blesses his pretty children, &c.

July 29. London. 91. Sir John Suckling, Sir Geo. Paul, Sir Robt. Pye, and others, to Buckingham. Have carefully examined into his estate; find that his debts were 24,000*l.* when he left for Spain, and are increased to 29,400*l.* by moneys advanced to him there. Have paid off 17,300*l.* by selling land, and assigned 2,500*l.* to be paid from his Irish revenues, and propose similar means of discharging the remainder, which will else ruin his estate. His income but little exceeds his expenditure, whereas those who wish to leave a patrimony behind them do not spend more than two-thirds of their income. Will consult on the best means of lessening his expenses, if he so wishes it. *Inclose,*

91. I. *Estimate of the Duke of Buckingham's revenues from lands, offices, &c., total* 15,213*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *Also of his expenses, including* 3,000*l.* *a year allowed to the Duchess for housekeeping, and* 2,000*l.* *to the Countess of Buckingham,* 1000*l.* *for tilting, &c., total* 14,700*l.*

July 29. 11 P.M. St. Martin's Lane. 92. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Marquis Inijosa is impatient beyond measure for a reply, and wants to send at once to Spain. He wishes to be at his own expense, and intends to go to Salisbury, but refuses offers of service and provision.

July 29. London. 93. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to the Same. The Ambassadors will be at Salisbury on the 4th of August, with a train of 30 persons. They will prefer an inn to a private house, but wish to have it to themselves. On their return, they intend to make use of the King's leave to hunt. They are ill supplied with coaches.

July 29. Sarum. 94. Jane Nicholas to [Edw. Nicholas]. Domestic affairs.

July 29. 95. John Nicholas to the Same. Private affairs. The King and Lords have sworn to the marriage articles, but what they are is not known. A butcher's mastiff dog killed two men swimming in the river at Fordingbridge, near Ringwood.

July 29. Bromham. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. On the acts of grace to Catholics. The [Spanish] Ambassadors are to be requested to hasten the Prince's return, to send the King copies of their letters, and to forward their letters in his packets and by his couriers. Their answer is to be forwarded, the fleet to be hastened, and information given where the impediments lie. A warrant sent for its victualling. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

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July 30. Bromham. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Renews the former directions for dealing with the Spanish Ambassadors and hastening the fleet. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

July 30. Chelsea. 96. Lord Treas. Middlesex to [Sec. Conway]. As to the principal business commended to him, the dispatch of the ships, has not only furnished money, no easy task, but hastened their re-victualling, and doubts not they will be in time. The general pardon is ready. Rejoices that the King has looked to his own interests, and hopes some end to perpetual vexations in the settling of his estate. Has ordered the speedy levying of Starchamber fines. Requests information on the concealment [grant of concealed lands] sued for by Mr. Digby. Thinks Capt. Best's letter to the Navy Commissioners shows too much heat.

July 30. 97. [Sec. Conway] to Mr. Fotherley. The King has persuaded the East India Company to present the Duchess of Buckingham with 2000*l.* in gold. Her grace is to be acquainted thereof, that it may be disposed of to the best advantage for the Duke's service.

July 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

July 30. Bromham. 98. [The Same] to the Duchess of Buchingham. The East India Company will present her with 2000*l.*, and Mr. Fotherley, her servant, will inform her of the best way to distribute it.

July 30. [Bromham.] 99. The Same to the Governor of the East India Company. The King wishes the 2000*l.* to be given to the Duchess of Buckingham, and by her disposed of to the use of her lord.

July 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

July 30. 100. The King to the Earl of Cumberland, Lord Clifford, and other Commissioners for the Borders. Regrets the disorders occasioned by the reception into one kingdom of malefactors from the other, and especially the neglect of the English Commissioners in not giving prompt satisfaction on complaints made. Requests punishment of the riots committed by Sir Ralph Grey's men, in rescuing John Hoye, a notorious thief, who, flying into England, was lawfully apprehended by order of the Duke of Buccleugh. Lord Clifford, whose industry is commended, is to report such Commissioners as are negligent in duty, that they may be prosecuted in the Star Chamber. Those of the English and Scottish sides are to meet, to agree on articles for suppressing disorder.

July 30. Bromham. 101. The Same to the Earl of Southampton. Requests the favour of a brace of bucks out of his lordship's woods at Beaulieu, to be delivered at Salisbury on the 4th of August, more venison being required than the low condition of game in the New Forest can well spare.

July 30. Lydd. 102. Clement Marketman to [Nicholas]. Falsehood of Mrs. Beresford's complaint against him. Clement Shippeny, her brother, only left her his furniture and plate, and a legacy, and all the rest of his property is for her son Richard.

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July 30. Wednesday. Bramsell. 103. Sir Edw. Zouch to Lord Zouch. Has spent a night with his wife at Bramsell; she was surprised with the calling of the ducks by the horn. His Lordship's works progress but slowly.

July 30 Whitehall. 104. Instructions for Sir Rich. Morrison, Bart., Lieutenant of the Ordnance, Sir John Ogle, and Sir John Kaye, Surveyor of Ordnance, for surveying the forts, castles, &c., on the banks of the Thames and Medway, on the coasts of Kent and Sussex, and on the southern coast to the Land's End. They are to report which are unserviceable for defence of the coast, the condition of and repairs needed in the rest, the state of the artillery and Ordnance stores, and the names of the Commanders of Garrisons, &c.

July 30. Chelsea. 105. Sir John Danvers to [Sec. Conway]. Has often petitioned for payment of his pension, and received gracious replies from the King, Buckingham, and the Lord Treasurer, but nothing is done. Has neither money nor credit left; intreats speedy payment for his relief.

July 31. 106. The Same to [the Same]. Details the Duke of Buckingham's promise to expedite the affair, but the delay occasioned by his absence forces him to importunity.

July 31. St. Martin's Lane. 107. Sec. Calvert to [the Same.] The last letters have much contented the Ambassadors, who now acknowledge themselves satisfied in all points, and will endeavour to satisfy His Majesty concerning the Prince's marriage, and his return to England with the Infanta. Sir Allan Apsley says if the 2,200*l.* be provided, the victuals for the fleet will be ready on Saturday. Sir Edw. Herbert, speaking to the Spanish Ambassador of a report in France that the Prince was prisoner in Spain, received an answer that it was the Prince whose virtues had captivated the King of Spain. The Dunkirk ship at Aberdeen is liberated and put to sea again. Arrangements for victualling the fleet. The judge of the Admiralty will take good bail of Sir Hen. Mervin and Sir Wm. St. John, but the distance of the witnesses protracts the cause.

July 31. Bromham. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Order for warrants for acts of grace to recusants. Repeats the directions about the Spanish Ambassadors. They can come to Salisbury, without the attendance of the King's servants. Their entertainment is to be continued. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 68.]

July 31. 108. Robt. Tanfield to Lord Zouch. The Lord Treasurer has not yet given an answer about the affair in the Court of Wards. Advises his Lordship to secure the favour of Sir Robt. Pye, Attorney of the Court.

July 31. 109. The Same to Edw. Nicholas. To the same effect.

July 31. 110. Stephen Gybbes to [Lord Zouch]. The draining of lands generally through the kingdom has so failed as to show some great mistakes; requests that the undertakers within the Cinque Ports may be ordered to explain their proceedings; will then lay open their errors and propound a remedy.

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July 31. Windsor Park. 111. Edw. Norwood to Sir Thos. Tyringham. His keeper is condemned to a fine of 7*l.*, or imprisonment, for assaulting a man who he believed was stealing wood, but who proved to be a serjeant. Wishes the matter to be examined into.

July 31. Westminster. Grant to Lord Treas. Middlesex of remission for 6,192*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, balance of his account as Receiver of the profits of Wine Licences, which office he has now surrendered. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 58.]

July? 112. Warrant to pay to Sir Marmaduke Darell, Cofferer of the Household, 400*l.*, and further sums, if needful, to defray the expense of the entertainment given to the Spanish Ambassador Inijosa on the 20th of July, and of a banquet to him at Greenwich, on June 15.

July? Sign Manual of the above. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 61.]

July? 113. Estimate addressed by Thomas Argoll to Mr. Newman, of the cost of making a certain quantity of cordage at Woolwich.

July? 114. Petition of John Hall, the King's servant, to the Council, to decide in a case between himself and Sir Thos. Wilson, the latter refusing to yield to him goods, value 24*l.*, belonging to the late traitor, Thos. Percy, whose goods, and those of other traitors, were granted to him by patent.

July? 115. Answer of Sir Thos. Wilson to the petition of John Hall, who complains that he had no notice given to answer Wilson's petition, until the Lord Chief Baron had drawn an order thereon, containing scandals against him. Declares that no words in the order could be called scandalous, unless it were those quoting the petition, which accuses him of proving by false witnesses that certain books in the Earl of Salisbury's library belonged to Percy the traitor, although those books were printed three years after Percy's death. Requests satisfaction for the expenses to which Hall has put him.

July. 116. Commissioners of the Navy to [Sir Robt. Pye]. The 800*l.*, payable for the Navy for July, is to be equally divided between the Treasurer and Victualler of the Navy.

July? 117. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Alderman Lumley is to pay a fine on the manor and burgh of Bardefield, Essex, and also take out a new patent from the Commissioners for Defective Titles, the former patent being defective.

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Aug. 1. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Mr. Killigrew is to be dispatched with the original letter, but copies are to be sent both to the Prince and to His Majesty. The fleet to be hastened. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

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Aug. 1. Salisbury. 1. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. Details of a conversation with a friend of Buckingham and one allied to him, who is unquiet with a sense of discontent and neglect. Suggests that he should have satisfaction before his Grace's return.

Aug. 1. Salisbury. Warrant for Sir Thos. Dutton to carry over two horses to the Low Countries. [*Minute, Dom. Corresp., Aug.* 6.]

Aug. 1. 2. Oath taken by the Droit gatherers of the Cinque Ports; with list of Droit gatherers.

Aug. 1. 3. Examination of Thos. Haynes, of Folkestone, blacksmith. Rich. Harris, Gunner of Sandgate Castle, brought him a piece of old iron to make into a spit, and offered to sell him a hundredweight of old iron; would not give the price asked, and therefore it was not brought for sale. Does not know where he got the iron.

Aug. 1. 4. Examination of Rich. Harris. The old iron which he offered for sale came from a gate in Sandgate Castle, which was repaired, from an old boat, given him by Captain Fenner, and from his garden, which was once a smith's forge.

Aug. 2. Folkestone. 5. Thos. Philpot to Lord [Zouch]. Harris, the under porter of Sandgate Castle, is about to be displaced: hopes his place will not be bestowed on one who sues for it, but who has impugned his Lordship's jurisdiction.

Aug. 2. Salisbury. 6. The King to the Governors of Sutton's Hospital. To admit the son of Mark Adams, his servant, as scholar on the next vacancy.

Aug. 2. Salisbury. 7. The Same to the Commissioners for improvement of Tiptree Heath, Essex. The common there has been much abused by persons using it without right, erection thereon of cottages by thieves, &c.; requires them to treat with those who have any just claim for their rights, and to have the same inclosed and improved.

Aug. 2. London. 8. Lady Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Knows not what to make of the Lord Treasurer's fair promises. Private affairs.

Aug. 2. Bruges. John Wolley to Sec. Calvert. Orders being given for the arrest of the Lords Warwick and Cavendish, procured a letter from the Infanta to take the former, who had gone from Antwerp to Ghent. He was found, and surrendered himself readily on hearing that it was the King's pleasure. He wishes to travel to England by the Hague, there to join Lady Hatton. [*Flanders Corresp., Aug.* 2.]

Aug. 2. St. Martin's Lane. 9. Sec. Calvert to Lord [Zouch]. Requests transmission of certain letters to Don Manuel de Porras, a Spanish gentleman, who is sailing for Spain. Is in hope of hearing from thence when the marriage will be, all things agreed upon being now done in England.

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Aug. 2. St. Martin's Lane. 10. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. There is a little dispute about the mode of the pardon to Catholics. It was devised to include release from all past fines, forfeitures, treasons, felonies, præmunires, &c., wherewith they were charged on grounds of religion, and freedom from future molestation. The Ambassadors object to the pardon, as involving the necessity of persons discovering themselves by applying for it, and as being expensive for the poor, and request a Proclamation of Grace to Catholics instead. Arguments used on the other side by Sec. Calvert. Were it not for the noise which a Proclamation would make, should advise it, as it would be only a suspension, and the fines could be reclaimed with arrears if councils changed. Must leave the decision to the King. Sends a copy of Inijosa's letter to Spain, announcing the execution of these affairs. The fleet only waits the victualling. Lord Rutland is gone to Portsmouth.

Aug. 2. 11. Copy of part of the above.

Aug. 2? 12. Proposition [by the Spanish Ambassadors] for a proclamation notifying the King's intention of strengthening his alliance with Spain, by the marriage of the Prince; prohibiting all seditious speaking or writing in opposition thereto, and all molestation of Roman Catholics.

Aug. 2. [Salisbury.] 13. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The Lord Treasurer has come to Court, and says that money is ordered to supply the fleet with victuals. The King wishes to know the very hour of its sailing. The victualler to be hastened, and all help given therein, for the sake of the safety of the commonwealth and the life of the King and his son.

Aug. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

Aug. 2. [Salisbury.] 14. The Same to the Comptroller of the Household and Chancellor of the Exchequer. To continue, in spite of the absence from town of the Lord President, the pursuit of [Sir John Bourchier's] business referred to them all three, which "bears a fair shew of profit."

Aug. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

Aug. 2. Salisbury. The Same to Sir John Eliot. Gives an account of what is done in his business. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

Aug. 2. Salisbury. The Same to Sir Hen. Marten, Judge of the Admiralty Court. To give information on the state of Sir John Eliot's business, and his opinion on the disposal and execution of his place, during the Lord Admiral's absence. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 2. Salisbury. The Same to Mr. Aylesbury. Gives him notice of the former letter, that he may attend the judge on anything concerning the Lord Admiral. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 2 Salisbury. The Same to the Lord President of the North. To deal with Mr. Bowes, for a debt owing by him to Sir Dud. Carleton. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 2. Salisbury. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King refuses to sign Dr. Dolbin's dispensation. [*Ibid.*]

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Aug. 3. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. To stay Mr. Killigrew till further orders. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 69.]

Aug. 3. Salisbury. The Same to the Mayor of Windsor. About a keeper's man, fined for striking a wood stealer. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 3. St. Martin's Lane. 15. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Begs directions for addressing the letters written by the King to the Duke of Saxony and John Baptista Rovidius.

Aug. 4. [Salisbury.] 16. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Directions about letters. The King is troubled with the proceedings mentioned in Calvert's letter, and wishes Killigrew's journey to be stayed till further order. Carlisle and Conway are appointed to attend the Spanish Ambassadors on their coming to town, and to treat on these matters with them. Some means are to be taken, by mediation of friends, without a direct order, to induce Lord Arundel of Wardour to conform to the proclamation and withdraw to his country house, as the King would not have him incur censure in the Star Chamber, where his name, amongst others, is already presented. [*See Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway, Aug.* 12.]

Aug. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 70.]

Aug. 4. Augustine Friars. 17. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. His ship having returned, intreats leave for it to be one of those sent to fetch home the Prince. Will run the risk of having the victuals thrown on his hands, if the ship is not ready in time.

Aug. 4. Ship Garland, Downs. 18. Capt. Best to the Same. Sailed from Leith with the Dunkirker on the 26th. On the 29th, the Dunkirk captain, proud of his vessel as the best sailer, got ahead of the English, on which the Hollanders fired upon her, killed the captain and five men, and injured the ship, for which dishonour to the King their captains deserve to lose their lives. Fired upon them in return, and since then they have kept four or six miles' distance. Has put into the Downs to take in pilots and to land sick men. Asks whether, after taking the ship to Dunkirk or Mardike, he is to wait to see her gain the harbour, which she can only do at spring tides.

Aug. 4. 19. Duplicate of the above.

Aug. 4. Bonaventure, Downs. 20. Capt. Edw. Christian to the Commissioners of the Navy. Left Leith on the 26th, but his ship is miserably manned, 70 persons of the crew of 160 being all that are able to work, and an infection leading to madness rife amongst them. Will press men as diligently as possible, a good ship being lost for want of men.

Aug. 4. Bonaventure. 21. The Same to Sec. Conway. Has brought the Dunkirker safely [into the Downs] from Leith, though she was injured by her own imprudence in venturing too near the [Holland] ships, four of whom have followed her to within sight of the roads.

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Aug. 4. Westminster. 22. Thos. Aylesbury to [Sec. Conway]. Sir John Eliot never expected the course which is taken against him. Will visit the west coast to see how Admiralty matters progress there. Thanks him for his hearty affection to his lord [Buckingham].

Aug. 4. 23. Sir John Eliot to the Same. Acknowledges receiving from Nutt, the pirate, certain goods and security for 500*l.*, but meant both for the Lord Admiral's benefit. Thinks he should not be injured by the accusations of a malicious assassin, who accuses him out of revenge, being drawn to submit by a pardon out of date, and then sent up to London. Incurred some danger in going on board Nutt's ship with a fallacious pardon, which might have been detected. Knew not that the pardon had first been procured by [Sec. Calvert]. Thinks his innocence is proved by the examinations.

Aug. 4. 24. Sir Hen. Marten to the Same. Has sent to Sec. Calvert the examinations on Sir John Eliot's case, and his opinion thereon. Thinks it would be inconvenient for the Lord Admiral's business, if Eliot were longer detained, so many points of importance depending upon the personal attendance of the Vice-Admiral, and advises his release on bail. Without him, Nutt's 23 men, who pester the prison, cannot be tried. Thinks Eliot's deed was good, because though Nutt begged for a pardon, he never ceased to plunder till the day when Eliot gulled him with one which was out of date. Thanks for assurances of the King's favour, as the want of his yearly present of deer made him fear he was in displeasure.

Aug. 4. 25. Copy of the above, and of replies to queries relative to Capt. Nutt, stating that he continued his pillaging, spoiling all he could meet with, till Sir John Eliot showed him his pardon; that since his surrender, the Colchester and Bristol ships are returned to their owners, and his vessel and goods brought into Dartmouth and sequestered.

Aug. 4. Grant to John Bargrave and his sureties, of protection for a year, on expiration of his former protection for six months. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 4. Winterbourne. 26. Mary Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Is sorry he cannot be present at her marriage. Family affairs.

Aug. 5. St. Martin's Lane. 27. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Has fulfilled his directions. Will stay Mr. Killigrew at the King's command.

Aug. 5. Chelsea. 28. Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Same. The vacancy of a councillor's place in the Council of York, caused by the death of Sir Wm. Ingram, should be filled by the Lord President [of the North]; but his Deputy Secretaryship under his brother Sir Art. Ingram, by Sir Arthur himself, who, being a man very useful to the King, and paying 9,000*l.* a year for alum rents, should not be prejudiced therein.

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Aug. 5. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Account of the treaty with the Spanish Ambassador. Mr. Killigrew is to be sent off with a dispatch now forwarded, for Spain, and Mr. Clark is to follow. Sends a bill for the Navy signed. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 70.]

Aug. 6. Salisbury. The Same to Mr. Killigrew. To be careful of a letter to Buckingham inclosed. To receive a packet from Sec. Calvert, and then hasten away. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 6. Salisbury. The Same to Mr. Abbot and Mr. Bell. Concerning 15,000*l.* due for imposts from the ships lately arrived out of the East Indies. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 6. Salisbury. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Returns him his letter to the merchants, and informs him of the issue of the treaty with the Spanish Ambassadors, &c. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 6. Salisbury. 29. The Same to Sec. Calvert. Has convinced the Spanish Ambassadors that the pardon and dispensation under the Great Seal is a surer way to secure favour to Catholics than the Proclamation required by them, and will also do it much more silently. The King allows them to employ a Catholic lawyer and Mr. Gage, to make any suggestions they please to strengthen its validity. They wished the forfeitures of recusants which are granted away to be remitted. The King said recusants could plead that the present statutes being removed, their effects must cease. They also wish the admission of scholars to the schools without taking the oaths. This was refused, but they were promised that preferment should not be withheld for want of the oaths. Inijosa engaged to send satisfactory letters to Spain of the fulfilment of all things promised.

Aug. 6. 30. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Hears that the King is much troubled because the victualler of the Navy wanted money. Renews his assurances that the money is provided, and the delay rests not with the Exchequer.

Aug. 6. Chelsea. 31. Lord Treas. Middlesex to [the Same.] The victuals are ready for the fleet. The Bonaventure is in such an infected state that it is unfit for the voyage to Spain. Advises that after convoying the Dunkirker, it should come in to be sweetened, and the fleet go without it. The King will see, by the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General, his power to resume the government of the Virginia Company and resettle it, but thinks it should be postponed till the Council return to town. Hopes the fleet may sail without regard to private suits.

Aug. 6. Salisbury. 32. [Sec. Conway] to the Navy Commissioners. The King is displeased with the backwardness of the fleet, and that either the seasoned victuals have not been economized, or other supplies bespoken from merchant vessels or elsewhere, the victualler having money to pay for them. The King insists either that the day of departure be fixed, or that he may know where the fault lies and punish it. He thinks the Prince and Princess will be ready before the fleet arrives, and adjures them, by the love of State, King, and Prince,

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to have it made ready at once. Captain Best is to stay in the Downs till the tides will serve to carry the Dunkirker to Dunkirk. The Bonaventure to be prepared for Spain.

Aug. Minute of the above, dated Aug. 7. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 71].

Aug. 6. Ship Garland, Downs. 33. Capt. Best to Sec. Conway. On the 4th, at night, dogged the Hollanders, who had behaved so disgracefully, and taking them by surprise, injured two, and beat them out of the road. They threaten vengeance against him, unless he can produce the King's Commission for what he has done. Requests that it may be sent. Is compelled to land eighty men diseased, and can only press twenty or thirty in their place.

Aug. 6. Windsor. 34. Mayor of Windsor to the Same. Mr. Norwood's keeper, on whose behalf a complaint has been made, beat a poor man of the town, who trespassed by stealing wood, so severely, that he died three months after. On this a suit was entered against the keeper, but he beat the serjeant sent to arrest him so much that he also commenced an action, and gained damages of 7*l.*, with costs. The keeper then yielded himself to prison for payment, and afterwards claimed release, on the ground that he was a prisoner elsewhere by command of the Lord of Effingham, but it was not granted.

Aug. 6. Salisbury. 35. The King to the President and Council of Wales. Appoints Sir Humph. Winch and Sir Wm. Jones to be of the Council, it being thought fit that the Justices of the four shires should belong thereto.

Aug. 6. Salisbury. 36. Letters of safe conduct for Mary Lady Browne, of Ghent, denizen of England, to go abroad for three years. Latin.

Aug. 6. Salisbury. 37. Warrant for transporting horses to France, for the service of the Landgrave of Hesse. [*Minute.*]

Aug. 6. 38. Warrant for Jas. Burlamachi, who has been over to see his brother Philip, to carry back to Italy three geldings. [*Minute.*]

Aug. 6. Salisbury. Warrants for a brace of bucks for Sir Hen. Marten, Judge of the Admiralty Court, to be taken in Hartfordbury Park and Waltham Forest. [*Minute, Dom. Corresp., Aug.* 17.]

Aug. 6. 39. Frances Lady Willoughby to Lord Zouch. Requests him to recommend the bearer Ascough to go on the East India voyage, the Company requiring the recommendation of a nobleman. Thanks for a brace of bucks.

Aug. 6. Hackney. 40. R. Middlemore to the Same. His Lordship is exposed to the censure of ill tongues at Court. Thinks [Sir Edw.] Zouch stands his friend, and prevents much mischief. Professions of service.

Aug. 6. 41. Thos. More to his brother [Sam. More]. Particulars reported of some of the articles of the match; viz., immediate marriage; the Infanta to have a private chapel, and the Papists a general chapel for mass in London; and the statutes against recusants to be revoked by Parliament within three years. Fragment.

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Aug. 7. Barbican. 42. Sam. More to Lord Zouch. The marriage will not be till the 15th. Reports that the Prince will not return to England the ensuing winter.

Aug. 7. 43. Petition of Robt. Heyward to Lord Zouch. Fras. Westbourne, imprisoned for a debt to him, is allowed so much licence by John Collins, the Mayor, that he is careless about paying the debt. Requests redress.

Aug. 7. St. Martin's Lane. 44. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. News of the utter overthrow of the Duke of Brunswick. Begs to be appointed by the King to a place in the Council at York, and gives four or five more names recommended by the Lord President [of the North]. Sends a bill for signature for the quarterly allowance of 3,000*l.* to the Queen of Bohemia.

Aug 7? 45. [Sec. Conway] to [Sol. Gen. Heath]. The King wishing to grant some favour to Catholics, according to promise, he is to consult with Mr. Attorney on a suitable warrant, which shall ease them and yet keep them a little in awe.

Aug. 7. St. Martin's Lane. 46. Sec. Calvert to [Buckingham]. Particulars of transactions with the Spanish Ambassadors about the pardon for recusants, &c., instead of the Proclamation. Details of the surprise and defeat of the army of Duke Christian of Brunswick, by Count Tilly.

Aug. 7. Salisbury. 47. Declaration made in the King's name, by the Earl of Carlisle and Sec. Conway, for satisfaction of the Spanish Ambassadors, of his Majesty's intention to pass a free pardon to all his Roman Catholic subjects, whether priests or laymen, for offences of conscience only; and to include in the marriage treaty a suspension of all penal laws against them, the same to be extended to the subjects of both Ireland and Scotland.

[Aug.] 7. 48. Draft of the above [by Sec. Conway].

Aug. 7. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Informs him of his letter to the Navy Commissioners, and requires his best assistance to hasten away the fleet. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 71.]

Aug. 7. [Salisbury.] 49. [The Same] to Capt. Best. The King advises him to stay in the Downs with the ship he is convoying, until a fair opportunity occurs of wind and tide to bring it safe to Dunkirk, without danger from the Hollanders, and meanwhile to say whether one ship will not convoy it as well as two; also to give the best possible excuse for the misfortune that has happened it.

Aug. 7. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 71.]

Aug. 8. [Salisbury.] 50. The Same to the Same. No decision is yet taken upon his last important letters, but he is to wait with the ship in his charge for further directions, and to explain how he allowed it to go so far before him, the Lords expecting some account both for that and his last action.

Aug. 8. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 71.]

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Aug. 8. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Concerning the Deputy Secretary's place at York, the Virginia company, and the Bonaventure. The fleet to be hastened. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 71]

Aug. 8. Salisbury. The Same to Sir Hen. Marten. The King leaves the case of Sir John Eliot to the decision of the Council. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 8 ? 51. [Jane Murray to Sec. Conway.] The King's late letters to the Vice Provost, &c. of Eton College, warranting them to assign to her the profits of the place during the vacancy, are lacking in one point; viz., a warrant authorizing them to seal leases, &c., which, by the Statutes of the College, require the Provost's personal presence. Requests this further warrant, these leases being more beneficial than all the other profits.

Aug. 8. Salisbury. 52. The King to the Vice Provost of Eton College. Empowers him, during the vacancy of the Provostship, to complete certain leases left unsealed by the late Provost, and to grant any others which may fall in.

Aug. 8. 53. Commissioners of the Navy to Sec. Conway. Regrets His Majesty's displeasure about the delay in victualling the fleet, but it proceeds from non-compliance with their previous suggestions, that fresh victuals should be consumed whilst it remained on the coasts. The victual ship is now ready.

Aug. 8. St. Martin's Lane. 54. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. Can do no more to hasten the fleet. It only waits the victual ship, which is promised for to-morrow. Cannot ascertain the author of the counterfeit letter put forth in the name of the Archbp. of Canterbury, but it is so widely circulated, and does so much harm, that the Archbishop should be directed to order the preachers about London and the Bishops in their several dioceses to publish His Grace's detestation of the paper and its author.

Aug. 8 ? 55–57. Letter to the King, professing to be written by the Archbp. of Canterbury. His conscience will allow him no longer to be silent about the proposed toleration of religion; blames the sufferance thus given, against His Majesty's writings and his conscience, to the heresies of Rome, and also the sending of the Prince to Spain, without consent of the Council or people, who have a greater interest in him than even the King; though he should return safely, the promoters of his journey will not escape unquestioned. This toleration, if done by proclamation, without Parliament, will show that His Majesty overthrows laws at his pleasure, and bring on him and the kingdom the Divine wrath. Has now discharged his duty, and leaves himself in His Majesty's hands. Three copies.

Aug. 8. 58. Mary Lady Colchester to Mr. Wensforth. Thanks for his attention to her unfortunate daughter [Mary] Manwood. Sends venison killed by her grandson, Lord St. John, in her son [Sir Thos.] Savage's park.

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Aug. 9. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 58–9. Mayor and Bailiff of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis to the Council. A vessel which arrived in Portland Road, commanded by Geo. Heriot, a Scotchman, proved to be a Spanish prize, which Heriot had taken; his men having run away with his own ship, left him in her; he tried to trick a Dantzic captain to exchange vessels with him, but was prevented, and sailed out of reach of the forts. Have retained 10 of the crew who were English, contrary to the proclamation against the English serving foreign princes.

Aug. 9. St. Martin's Lane. 60. Sec. Calvert to Lord [Zouch]. To send letters to the Governors of Calais or Boulogne, to request that a servant of the Prince, carrying apparel, &c., to him in Spain, may be allowed to pass them without search. *Incloses,*

60. 1. *Pass from M. Du Moulin, Secretary of the French Ambassador, for John Michell, the Prince's tailor, going to Spain with clothes for his master. French. London, Aug.* 9.

Aug. 9? 61. Note brought to Sir Lewis Lewkenor, by Thos. Capin, of New Sarum, that John Blafford, citizen, said, on seeing the Spanish Ambassadors drawn by asses, that an ass was good enough for a fool, and that we shall shortly become mongrels, half one and half the other.

Aug. 9. New Sarum. 62. Confirmation of the truth of the above statement by Wm. Wade and Hen. Hoskins, who heard the remark made; with note by the mayor and others, that John Blafford is imprisoned till the King's pleasure be known.

Aug. [9.] 63. Copy of the two preceding papers.

Aug. 9. 64. Order by the Lord Mayor of London to the Churchwardens of St. Swithin's parish, to levy weekly assessments as specified, on 6 inhabitants named, towards maintenance of the poor of St. Botolph's parish, which is unable to levy sufficient for its own poor. With receipts by the collectors of St. Botolph's of the above assessments, dated 10 Feb. 1623 and 10 March 1624.

Aug. 9. Salisbury. Sec. Conway to Mr. Gage. The King approves his retaining a lawyer to look into the validity of the Acts of Grace to be passed to recusants. Excuses the not sending a copy of the Act of Accord. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 72.]

Aug. 9. Salisbury. The Same to Sec. Calvert. Sends a copy of the Accord with the Spanish Ambassadors. They promise to write satisfactory letters to Spain, of which copies shall be given. The counterfeit paper which passes under the name of the Archbp. of Canterbury is to be spoken with in Council about the actions which happened on the convoy of the Dunkirk ship. [*Ibid.*]

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Aug. 9. [Cranborne.] 65. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Sends a paper, [copy of the Accord with the Spanish Ambassadors] negligently left behind, and only discovered on arrival at Cranborne Chace.

Aug. 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 72.]

Aug. 9? Cranborne. 66. Order for dismissal from Court of all "masterless persons," all petitioners who have had their answers, needless tradespeople, laundresses, stable-men, and servants; the Marshal, Equerries, and Avener are to take special care therein.

Aug. 9. Ship Garland, Downs. 67. Capt. Best to Sec. Conway. Acknowledges his letter, and will perform the instructions therein contained. Wishes to have a Commission under the King's hand for what he has done, fearing that the Holland captains will not understand one signed by Conway. Capt. Moyle Lambert, who has 14 ships of war, threatens to attack him and seize the Dunkirker, unless he can show such a Commission. Asks directions for disposal of English seamen on board the Dunkirker, and also of those in the Holland men-of-war. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Petition of* 16 *English sailors on board the Dunkirk ship* [*to Capt. Best*], *to be released from that ship, and distributed according to his pleasure.*

Aug. 9. 68. John Coke to the Same. Recommends Sir Rich. Bingley, who has posted from the Downs to inform him of the discontents occasioned by Capt. Best's conduct. The affair is too serious for any one but the King to decide on.

Aug. 9. Salisbury. 69. [Sec. Conway] to Capt. Best. To have a special care of the safety of the Dunkirk ship, not to remove further from the King's harbours without directions, to use moderation towards the Hollanders, against whom too much has been done already, and to avoid all occasion of offence or quarrel.

Aug. 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 72.]

Aug. 9. Cranborne. Order in Council for the directions concerning Capt. Best. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 73.]

Aug. 10. [Cranborne.] 70. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The King wishes the Council to consider of the accident to the Dunkirker convoyed from Scotland to the Downs. The Councillors at Court wish to receive the opinion of those in London, and will then consult His Majesty. They are also to deliberate whether the Vice Admiral or the Admiral's ship is to carry the flag. The King will leave the Spanish Ambassadors to find their own diet, as they wish it. His Majesty has ordered the Bonaventure to proceed to Spain, and money to be provided for its victualling, which Sir Wm. St. Leger promises to reimburse if he do not carry the ship to St. Andrea; being a particular servant of Buckingham, he is to be favoured.

Aug. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 73.]

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Aug. 10. [Cranborne.] 71. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King will be troubled no further, but orders the Council in London to assemble to advise on certain letters on which their opinion is desired by the Councillors at Court, who will then communicate with His Majesty, except in cases that require dispatch. The Spanish Ambassadors may provide their own diet, as they wish it. Sir Wm. St. Leger is to go for Spain. [*Similar to that to Sec. Calvert.*]

Aug. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 73.]

Aug. 10. Cranborne. The Same to Capt. Christian. To deliver up the Bonaventure to Sir Wm. St. Leger. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Aug. 10. Cranborne. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In case of the Lord Treasurer's absence, he is to see to the preparation of the Bonaventure. The King takes notice of any stop in the furnishing of the fleet, for want of money. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 10. Cranborne. The Same to the Navy Commissioners. To assist in the preparation of the Bonaventure. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 10. [Cranborne.] 72. [The Same] to Sir Wm. St. Leger. Instructions to take the charge of the Bonaventure from Capt. Christian, and as soon as she is victualled, for which orders are given, and to attend or follow the Earl of Rutland to Spain.

Aug. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 73.]

Aug. 10. Cranborne. The Council to the Mayor of Weymouth. Concerning pirates near that port. [*Ibid, p.* 72.]

Aug. 10. [Cranborne.] 73. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The Lords Councillors at Court have been deliberating on a letter from Weymouth, complaining of want of authority in the town officers to suppress pirates who abound on the coast, and have in reply authorized them to do what is needful for the safety of the town and harbour, and to seize suspicious persons and ships. They also deliberated on Best's actions, in allowing a ship in the King's protection to be violated, and then in doing a rash exploit which might involve a war, but which, being a private action, is not to be apologized for to the States. Best is to be examined on both points, and meanwhile his ship, under his officers, and that of Sir Rich. Bingley, are to convoy the Dunkirker. Sir John Hippesley has arrived. The King read his letters at a bull baiting, and, if there be trust on earth, the Prince and Infanta will be moving hither by the 28th; her household is preparing; "therefore the word is Joy in Jerusalem and peace in Sion, and haste, haste away the ships."

Aug. 10. 74. Extract from the above.

Aug. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 73.]

Aug. 10. St. Martin's Lane. 75. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Requests the copy of the agreement made by Lord Carlisle and himself with the Spanish Ambassador, about the Roman Catholics. [*See Aug.* 7.]

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Aug. 10. Aldersgate Street, London. 76. Sir Hen. Marten to the Same. Hopes the King's resolution, made on report of the Council, to continue Sir John Eliot in prison may not turn to the disadvantage of the Lord Admiral. Thanks for His Majesty s warrant for a brace of bucks.

Aug. 10. 77. Chris. Potter to Nicholas. In favour of Robt. Middleton, who wishes to accompany him on a journey into France.

Aug. 11. Cranborne. 78. Warrant for Sir Giles Mompesson to continue in the kingdom for three months longer than allowed by the former warrant, if he demean himself orderly, and remain in privacy.

Aug. 11. Grant to Sir Thos. Playters, of the dignity of Baronet, being the last grant of this nature which the King intends to make. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 11. Grant to Sir Thos. Playters of discharge for 1095*l.*, due on his being created a Baronet. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 11. Grant to Wm. Gomeldon, the King's servant, of the sole making and using of a furnace by him invented, for smelting and melting lead ore. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 11. Cranborne. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To set down rates of allowance for the elephant. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 11. Cranborne. The Same to the Mayor, &c. of Salisbury. To release a felon committed for scandalous words against the Spanish Ambassadors. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 11. Cranborne. The Same to Mr. Cole. To appear to answer a complaint made to the King against him. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 11. Musswell Hill. 79. Rich. Welby to Lord Zouch. Hopes his son may return to his Lordship's service, when recovered of his palsy. The survey of the castles and forts, by Sir John Ogle and others, is to be made next week.

Aug. 11. [Cranborne.] 80. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King wishes speedy satisfaction, by money or assignations, to be given to Burlamachi, who is more pressed this Frankfort fair than becomes a great merchant's credit, and who has been and will be so useful to His Majesty.

Aug. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 11. [Cranborne.] 81. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King grants at once Sec. Calvert's request to be one of the Council of York, but the other persons whom he nominates must depend on the consent of the Lord President. His Majesty wishes the author of the letter in the name of the Archbp. of Canterbury to be discovered, and the letter suppressed.

Aug. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 11. St. Martin's Lane. 82. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Spanish Ambassadors have resolved to send such dispatches as will satisfy the King. The fleet is now victualled for thirteen weeks, but unless they have 850*l.* weekly, they must begin to live on their sea stores. The Lords are summoned to meet on Capt. Best's affair, and Sir Noel de Caron

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will write to the Holland captains to request them not to stir further in the matter. Begs that Capt. Nutt may have the benefit of a second pardon granted him by the King, having fulfilled the conditions by restoring all things taken since May 1st. He detests his former practices. Has no recompence promised by Capt. Nutt for the pardon, but is indebted to him for services in protecting the infant plantation in Newfoundland.

Aug. 11. Ship Garland, Downs. 83. Capt. Best to the Same. Was unable to prevent the Dunkirk ship getting ahead, she being the better sailer. Had vainly exhorted her captain to keep close. Hopes his errors may be overlooked, through his ignorance of state affairs, and his wish to avenge the dishonour done to the King. Thinks he has not exceeded his commission. Sends a relation of the proceeding. Is on good terms with the commanders of the Holland ships.

Aug. 11. Ship Garland, Downs. 84. The Same to the Council. Repeats the details of the attack on the Dunkirk ship, and his own attack on the Hollanders.

Aug. 11. Bonaventure, Downs. 85. Capt. Christian to Sec. Conway. The attack on the Hollanders was only in requital for wrongs done to the ship taken into the King's protection. Hopes they have not far transgressed their instructions. What they did was from no love to the Spaniards, or hope of reward from them, but as honest service to the King.

Aug. 12. St. Martin's Lane. 86. Sec. Calvert to [The Same]. Decision of the Council that the ship of Dunkirk, and another Dunkirker laden with masts, now in the Downs be brought into the Thames by Capt. Best's ship and two others, and when they reach Gravesend, Best be summoned before Council. *Incloses,*

86. 1. *Names of the Council present on the above decision. Aug.* 12, *Whitehall.*

Aug. 12. Cranborne. Warrant to find out goods brought into Portsmouth uncustomed, and to put them in safe custody. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 12. 87. Estimate of charges for manning and victualling the ship Bonaventure; total 728*l.* 12*s.*

Aug. 12? 88. Request to the Lords and Commons of England to pray for the King's deliverance from the rule of the impious Duke, whose treaties with the Pope and Popish confederates threaten the subversion of religion, and to petition him to assemble his great Council, to examine and censure his treasons.

Aug. 12. London. 89. Geo. Gage to [Sec. Conway]. Will gladly put in practice the King's gracious intentions towards his Catholic subjects. The Spanish Ambassadors send compliments, and the Marquis [Inijosa] asks remembrance of his suit about diet.

Aug. 12. St. Martin's Lane. 90. Sec. Calvert to the Same. The Spanish Ambassadors, finding no lawyer in town whom they could advise with about the pardon for the recusants, have sent for Lord Arundel of Wardour, now in the country. Hesitated to give him the order for post horses which they requested, but complied, fearing to arouse the suspicious temper of Inijosa.

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Aug. 13. Cranborne. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. On the Spanish Ambassadors declining a lawyer, and choosing Count [Lord?] Arundel. No notice has been taken of discharging their diet. Word is to be sent whether the letters overtook Mr. Clark. Pardon for Capt. Nutt. Capt. Best's letters are to be communicated to a full Council, and meanwhile he is to remain in attendance. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 13. Cranborne. 91. Order in Council that the deliberation on Capt. Best's two actions—of allowing violence to the Dunkirker and of attacking the Holland men-of-war—be postponed till the whole Council can meet thereon, and that meanwhile he be continued in attendance.

Aug. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 13? 92. Petition of Thos. Alport to the Council for continuation of protection from arrest, not having yet received 2,000*l.*, part of a debt due to him by the King, without which he is unable to satisfy his creditors.

Aug. 13. Cranborne. 93. Order in Council for renewal of protection for a year to Thos. Alport, to whom the King owes 2,000*l.*, if, in the meantime, the debt be not discharged. [*On the same paper as No.* 91.]

Aug. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 74.]

Aug. 13. 94. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Preparation for the dispatch of the Bonaventure. Has met with the Comptroller on the soap and alum business; fears the former will prove, like most projects, "glorious in show, difficult to effect, and of little profitt in the end." The alum must be postponed till the return of Sir Arthur Ingram, who has the present estate in it.

Aug. 13. 95. Petition of Arthur Mouse and others of Hythe to Lord Zouch, for his warrant to seize the property of Mich. Sprat, who fraudulently seeks to convey away his goods from his creditors, and has procured their seizure under the Statute of Bankruptcy.

Aug. 13. 96. Phil. Mainwaring to Mr. Peaseley. An effort was made by Mr. Reynell to obtain the King's Letter for the small building in St. Martin's Lane. The Earl Marshal says His Majesty's pleasure must be attended. *Incloses,*

96. 1. *Robt. Spiller to Catharine Reynell. The Lord Marshal is willing to favour her husband and Mr. Mainwaring about the building, but advises that nothing further be done till the King's Letter be obtained, as it is invidious to yield to one and restrain others. Arundel House, Aug.* 7.

Aug. 13. Chelsea. 97. Lord Treas. Middlesex to [Sec. Conway]. Decision of the Council on Capt. Best's affair. Finding that the King condescended to allow the Spanish Ambassadors to provide their own diet, will comply therewith, but has ventured to present them with the stock of wines, beer, &c., which remained in the cellars of Exeter House. Has given order for money to fit out the Bonaventure; the other ships can sail with the first wind.

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Aug. 14. [Cranborne.] 98. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The Council at Court wish to postpone consideration of the Lord Deputy's letters about the fishing [of the Hollanders on the Irish coasts] till they all meet. Inquiries are made about the Ambassadors' diet, which proves that it is not yet discharged, and will put the King out of all patience, as fearing that the letters sent thereupon are lost. The posts travel slowly, being 10 hours between London and Staines. Reformation is required therein.

Aug. 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* .]

Aug. 14. Cranborne. The Same to the Surveyor of the Works. To hasten the finishing of the stables at Theobalds for the camels, and to apply to Sec. Calvert to remove any hindrance in the work. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 14. Chelsea. 99. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Sends a warrant for supply of fresh provisions for the fleet, whilst it remains wind-bound on the coast. If the sea stores are expended, there would be danger of its having again to wait for supplies.

Aug. 14. Chelsea. 100. Rich. Willis to [the Same]. Adds, as a postscript to the above letter of the Earl of Middlesex, that in the absence of the Clerk of the Signet, his Lordship has subscribed the warrant, and will do other men's offices rather than have the service neglected.

Aug. 14. Thursday, London. 101. Edw. Clark to the Same. Has only just obtained his dispatch from the Ambassador. Will start instantly, and carefully observe his directions about the Duke.

Aug. 14. Imworth. 102. Lady Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Details of their property at Imworth and Wraysbury. The Lord Treasurer promises to clear off all Carleton's scores in three months.

Aug. 14. 103. Rich. Dike to [Nicholas]. Is sorry that Lord [Zouch] will not return to London to winter, as Nicholas's friends will thus be deprived of his company. Captain Best is summoned to Council to answer for his late conduct. Knows him to be a man of good understanding, and thinks he had reasons for what he did.

Aug. 14. Beaulieu. 104. Earl of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Requests a pass for his son to go into the Low Countries with Sir Horace Vere, with four servants and four horses, and that he may take leave of the King.

Aug. 14. St. Martin's Lane. 105. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. Mr. Clark is gone towards Spain. The Spanish Ambassadors are jealous because they are refused the English translation of the pardon, &c., for Catholics, of which the Spanish copy was given them at Salisbury. Thinks the directions on Catholics to be sent to the Lord Deputy of Ireland should be signed by the King himself, being too important to pass, as proposed, with the signatures of the Lord Treasurer and himself. Wishes his Majesty or Sec. Conway would write to the Archbp. of Canterbury about suppressing the counterfeit letter that goes in

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his name. A search after the author would be an endless, fruitless, and expensive task; so many people would have to be examined and kept in custody. Sir Thos. Wentworth begs that a certain release may not pass the seals. Will convey the King's pleasure to Lord Arundel.

Aug. 14. [Cranborne.] 106. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Brooke. The contract is not concluded, but there are such signs of it as people will trust according to their several faiths. The Spanish ambassadors move for an act of grace to Roman Catholics, to give a speedier conclusion to the business in Spain; the attorney is to draw a pardon for things past and a dispensation for the future, the disputing of which took three days. Capt. Best is thought a very beast, with courage, but without reason. His first action was improvident, lazy, and negligent, and might have raised a war. His second was revengefully firing in cold blood at the Hollanders' ships lying off the Foreland, which is an inexcusable action, but the Hollanders are to be told that the insolencies of their captains deserved no better treatment. The Infanta is settling her household, and the Countess of Olivarez cries courage and great hope.

Aug. 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 15. Garland, Downs. 107. Capt. Best to the Council. The Dunkirk vessels were very unwilling to be brought into the Thames, and the one laden with masts, though promising compliance, sailed away at night. Is ready to bring in the other.

Aug. 15. 108. John Coke to Sec. Conway. Capt. Steward's ship, escheated to the Lord Admiral as pirates' goods, would have been disadvantageously sold by an Admiralty officer, but the king forbade the sale, and gave it in charge to Mr. Jennings, Vice-admiral at Portsmouth. By his negligent keeping, it leaked, and was ready to sink. Has ordered it to be repaired; suspects connivance between him and the party who wished to sell the ship, and requests a warrant for its careful keeping at Portsmouth till the Admiral's return. Has pressed more men for the fleet, at request of the Earl of Rutland, and informed him of certain miscarriages in the ships. The Bonaventure is to go for Spain with the fleet.

Aug. 15. 109. Receipt by Rowland Heylin, Treasurer of the Muscovy Company, from Rich. Andrews, one of the brethren, for 47*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, being the third of his assessments towards the debts of the said Company, ordered to be paid by Council. With note by H. Hammersley, Governor of the Company, requesting that Andrews may be discharged, as others similarly committed have been, on making their payments.

Aug. 16. 110. Eliz. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Private affairs. John Evelyn, jun., Mr. Sadler, and Mr. Morgan are knighted, &c.

Aug. 16. St. Martin's Lane. 111. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Sends letters for signature, His Majesty having consented to confirm the articles of peace lately made at Constantinople, for the sake of release to the English captives at Algiers, Tunis, &c.

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Aug. 16. Beaulieu. 112. [Sec. Conway] to Edw. Emerson. Warns him not, under shelter of a protection which he has obtained, to try to avoid payment of 300*l.* on behalf of Thos. Emerson, deceased, for whom he is administrator, and for which Hugh Standford is surety, otherwise the protection will, on Standford's petition, be called into question.

Aug. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 16. Beaulieu. 113. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King does not think the letters of the Spanish Ambassador to Spain as vigorous and pressing as was promised. His request for the grace to Roman Catholics to be extended to those in Scotland cannot be fully answered till the Scottish bishops, who are summoned to consult thereon, arrive. Meanwhile His Majesty does not think, as is hinted, that his Scottish subjects would complain to the King of Spain, nor that that King would make excuse thereby to stay the important proceedings. The letters for English Catholics are to be forwarded at once to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, as patterns for their proceedings. The King is anxious for a reply about the Spanish Ambassador's diet. Has told the Ambassador of the complaint of Pitt, a Weymouth merchant, that the Governor of St. Sebastian took all his ordnance and shot, and never paid him for them; also that His Majesty much wishes to know what tidings he received from Spain.

Aug. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 17. 114. Warrant for three bucks for Don Carlos de Colonna, from Waltham Forest and Guildford Park. [*Minute.*]

Aug. 17. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to the Surveyor of the Works. To employ more hands and hasten the completion of the chapel, and to apply to Sec. Calvert to remove any hindrance. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 17. [Beaulieu.] 115. [The Same] to the Earl Marshal. Sympathizes in his recent sickness and sorrow, on account of which the King refrains from ordering him to assist in hastening the chapel, but will be glad of any attention he can give therein.

Aug. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 75.]

Aug. 17. [Beaulieu.] 116. [The Same] to Mat. Brook, Clerk of the Cheque at Portsmouth. To take charge of a ship escheated to the use of the Lord Admiral, but which Mr. Jennings, Vice-Admiral, neglects to attend to, and to have it repaired and preserved till Buckingham's return, when he will dispose of it.

Aug. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

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Aug. 18. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to John Coke. On a ship at Portsmouth, which is to be taken into Mr. Brook's charge. The King approves his diligence. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

Aug. 18. Beaulieu. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King approves the victualling of the ships from shore, during their abode near the coast, and has signed a bill now returned to that effect. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 18. Beaulieu. 1. [The Same] to the Earl of Rutland. The King inquires where he is, how provided, and how prepared to take advantage of the sea wind, which His Majesty so much longs for.

Aug. 18. Minute of the above, [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

Aug. 18. [Beaulieu.] 2. [The Same] to John Coke. To give the bearer [Mr. Levingston of the Bedchamber] a warrant to take examinations on oath about certain goods from the ship London, brought into Portsmouth without paying duty, and concealed.

Aug. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

Aug. 18. Beaulieu. The Same to John Coke. Authority is given to the town of Weymouth to suppress the pirates there. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

Aug. 18. Beaulieu. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Thanks for his care in furnishing the Bonaventure. Is going into the country. The business of soap and alum. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 18. Beaulieu. 3. Warrant for M. de Halier, and three other Frenchmen, over on business, and now returning home, to transport five horses. [*Minute.*]

Aug. 18. St. Martin's Lane. 4. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Francisco de Carondelet, Archdeacon of Cambray, attendant on Colonna, and highly esteemed for his virtues, and good offices in the affairs now in hand, desires renewal of the King's former request made to the Prince, that he may be appointed Almoner to the Infanta, when she arrives in England; or, if that place be bestowed, have some other office about her which will enable him to remain in England. His enemies have got wind of his wishes, and are trying to supplant him.

Aug. 18. St. Martin's Lane. 5. The Same to [the Same]. Lord Arundel of Wardour is very sorry he did not receive the King's command before coming from the country, but will endeavour to excuse himself from the employment to the Ambassadors, without letting them know that he does so by command. Further directions are required about the pardon, because in the form given, from which the attorney dares not deviate a tittle, there is no express exemption to Catholics from taking the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, and going to church. Other legal difficulties occur. Thinks it would be well for the councillors in London, who know the private articles, to meet the Attorney General and the counsellors employed by the Ambassadors to settle all differences, and frame a warrant for the pardon and dispensation. The Ambassadors renew their complaints of wrongs at Ormus, by the East India Company.

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Aug. 18. St. Martin's Lane. 6. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Inijosa and Don Carlos are so discontented at the delay of the pardon and dispensation promised for Catholics, that they declare, unless all difficulties be removed by Thursday, they will send to Spain to unsay what they have said. They also request that Lord Zouch's oath be taken at once, which is necessary to prevent complaints of persons landing at the Cinque Ports, to whom the oath of allegiance will else be tendered. A clerk of Council with deputies from the Ambassadors should be sent to Dover, to witness his taking and subscribing the oath.

Aug. 18. Garland, Gore-end. 7. Capt. Best to the Council. The Dunkirk ship wants provisions, and her men mutiny at being detained, and declare they had rather run the risk of going to Dunkirk. Knows not whether they will consent to enter the Thames, and cannot prevent their getting away, their vessel being the better sailer. Will supply them with provisions, though they have no money. Has sent one of their men to the Spanish Ambassador, for their better satisfaction.

Aug. 18. Garland, Gore-end. 8. The Same to Sec. Conway. Of similar purport. Is sorry for the rashness of his former conduct. Is also censured for allowing the Dunkirker laden with masts to escape ; could have prevented it, but was taken by surprise, the vessel having promised to come in, and then sailing off at night. Hopes for permission to conduct this expedition to an end. Is at Gore-end with the Bonaventure, the Dunkirk ship, and one Holland man-of-war ; will sail into the river with the first fair wind.

Aug. 18. 9. Sir John Eliot to the Same. Thanks for his favour in his troublesome affair. Requested the Council to discharge him, but other business prevented his being heard. Cares more for the injury to his reputation than the restraint.

Aug. 18. Winterbourne. 10. Jane Nicholas to [Edw. Nicholas]. Domestic affairs.

Aug. 18. Winchelsea. 11. Melchior Rainolds to the Same. Mr. Ashborn relinquished his office of Town Clerk to Thos. Walwyn. Thanks for Lord [Zouch's] regard for the preferment of his son, who has surrendered the town clerkship to Thos. Walwyn. Commends the character of Giles Waters, and hopes he may be restored to his lordship's favour.

Aug. 19. 12. Robt. Boteler to the Same. Mr. Walwyn is re-established in his place of Town Clerk. Mr. Rainolds' son is satisfied with 20*l.* given him by Mr. Ashburnham, and the promise of the reversion.

Aug. 19. Sandwich. 13. Mayor of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Has delayed to publish the Proclamation received from the King's auditor, without special warrant from his Lordship, thinking it an infringement on his jurisdiction.

Aug. 19. Carlisle. 14. Order by the Judges of the Northern Circuit, that the Justices of Northumberland raise an immediate levy for repair of the bridge at Haydon, on the river Tyne, which has lately fallen down, to the great danger of travellers, many of whom have been drowned in crossing the river.

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Aug. 19. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Account of letters between the King and States on the Dunkirk business, and directions thereon. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 76.]

Aug. 19. Beaulieu. The Same to the Same. The King dislikes the jealousies of the Spanish Ambassador about his performance of his promise. The Attorney General is to insert the two points for dispensing with taking the oaths and going to church, and to proceed with the rest, as already agreed. Sec. Calvert is to advise with the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and prepare any warrant that may be needful for the Attorney General. Directions for Lord Zouch to take the oath. [*Ibid., p.* 77.]

Aug. 19. Beaulieu. The Same to the Same. To the same purport. The King takes ill the misinterpretation of his intentions by the Ambassador. Directions how to deal with him if he persist in it, and will not admit reasonable satisfaction. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 19. Beaulieu. The Same to Lord Zouch. The King's pleasure is that he takes the oath as the other Lords have taken it. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 19. Beaulieu. The Same to Sec. Calvert. To swear in [Dud.] Carleton as Clerk of the Council extraordinary. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 19. St. Martin's Lane. 15. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Sends letters from Capt. Best, and a request from the Hague for dismissal of the Dunkirk ship.

Aug. 19. Portsmouth. 16. Sir Hen. Mainwaring to the Same. Is left superintendent of the Fleet by the Lord General, who has hastened to London to forward the victualling, which might have been done better and cheaper at Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight than in London. Prays excuse for having lain a few days on shore, having taken infection from visiting some sick men on board ship.

Aug. 20. Prince Royal. 17. Earl of Rutland to [the Same.] Laments the misfortune of his absence when his gracious Master was aboard the fleet. It was occasioned by his desire to hasten things for their departure. Thanks the King for his fat stag. When the victuals come, will lose not a minute.

Aug. 20. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to the Captains of the ships with victuals. They are to make all possible haste to the fleet. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 77.]

Aug. 20. Calshot Castle. 18. [The Same] to the Mayor of Dover. The ships in the Downs that have victuals on board for the fleet bound for Spain are to be warned, on their uttermost peril, to lose no wind nor tide in hastening to the fleet.

Aug. 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 77.]

Aug. 20. London. 19. Sir Dud. Carleton to Sec. Conway. Is waiting to be sworn Clerk of the Council, and therefore sent off letters for Holland. Sir Noel Caron will give Moy Lambert, who commands the States' fleet, instructions for the safe convoy of the ship of Ostend, according to the King's suggestions.

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Aug. 20. St. Martin's Lane. 20. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Spoke to the Spanish Ambassadors about the want of fulness in their letters to Spain on the performance of all things here, and of urgency in pressing what is to be done there. They declare that they said more than they could now write, unless there is more dispatch used in the Catholic business, but that their private letters were all the King could desire. Inijosa, who is Master of the Ordnance in Spain, promises to write to the Governor of St. Sebastian, to restore or give satisfaction for the ordnance taken from the Weymouth merchant.

Aug. 21. London. 21. John Coke to the Same. The proposition of the Weymouth merchants to set out war ships to secure their own trade against pirates is dishonourable to the King, and would injure the Lord Admiral, who has a grant of pirates' profits; the reason of their flocking to Weymouth is that the people trade with them, and the Admiralty officers connive at their practices. Suggests better employment of the ships that guard the narrow seas, towards clearing the whole south coast, and recommends Capt. Chudleigh as successor to Capt. Best. Particulars of the proceedings of Geo. Heriot, the Scottish pirate. Thinks that neither he nor his prize, the Dantzic vessel, is gone too far to be overtaken, if the Earl of Rutland could send a light pinnace after them. A ship at Weymouth, which should belong to the Lord Admiral, but is promised to Gilbert Rawley, should be taken up for the Admiral.

Aug. 21. 22. Abstract of part of the above.

Aug. 21. Beaulieu. 23. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King regrets the illness of Sir Wm. Halliday, Governor of the East India Company, and a worthy magistrate, and wishes his servant, Sir Hen. Mildmay, to be commended to him, that he may not be prejudiced in reference to the estate he should receive by his wife.

Aug. 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 77.]

Aug. 21. Dover. 24. Note of Popish pictures, books, &c., brought over by Joan Milbree, which Lord [Zouch] caused to be re-delivered to her, at request of Lord Wallingford.

Aug. 21. 25. Petition of Susan, wife of Wilson Beresford, to Lord Zouch, to compel Clement Marketman, executor of her brother Clement Stuppeny, late of Hyde, to give up the property bequeathed to her by her brother's will.

Aug. 21. 26. Petition of Clement Marketman, executor of Clement Stuppeny, to Lord Zouch, that Wilson Beresford and Susan Beresford may be required to show cause why they have not surrendered to the Chancery Court of the Cinque Ports, as ordered, the leases and writings which they hold, of certain lands the right to which is contested between them and the petitioner, until the cause be decided between them.

Aug. 21. St. Martin's Lane. 27. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway.] Did not fail to reprove the needless distrust of the King expressed by Inijosa, and told him His Majesty had much more cause to complain of long delays and

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procrastinations, ever since the treaty began. The directions that the pardon and dispensation for Catholics are to comprise all that is in the marriage treaty, as well as in the articles of Salisbury, clear up some difficulties; wishes to know whether, by the marriage treaty is meant the private articles sworn to at Whitehall, as well as the public ones in the chapel. Told the Marquis of the King's displeasure, but he excused himself on his naturally abrupt temper, which he says would have led him to behave in the same way towards his own master. All points [about the pardon] have been discussed between Calvert, the Lord Keeper, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Attorney General, and Sir Hen. Spiller, and Mr. Gage, the latter of whom is a temperate and discreet gentleman, and counsels the Ambassadors well. Complained to the Ambassadors of the King of Spain and the Infanta's congratulating the accession of the Duke of Bavaria to the Electorate. They profess not to believe it, but say that, if true, it is a mere compliment, and the King of Spain will still protect the Prince Palatine, when he submits to the Emperor.

Aug. 21. 28. Rich. Dike to [Nicholas]. Will be glad to entertain him when he comes to town for the term. Family affairs. Death of Sir Wm. Crayford.

[Aug. 21.] [Beaulieu.] 29. [Sec. Conway to the Earl of Rutland.] The King was pleased with the state of the ships, and his reception on board, but disappointed not to see his Lordship; however he accepts his excuses, his absence being caused by care for the expedition, and wishes him good success in bringing home all that is desired. His Majesty cannot answer positively his inquiry as to whether he shall pass the Needles; the weather must influence it much, but he is to act as a wise merchant or mariner would do. He is to deliberate with the captains and pilots, and if they think it feasible, to set sail; if not, to have their signatures to their opinions for postponement, and to be guided by a majority. His Majesty thinks Sir Thos. Somerset the fittest man to beat the way for his Lordship to the Court of Spain. Knew nothing of the King's intention to visit the ships till 11 o'clock the night before.

Aug. 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

Aug. 21. Beaulieu. Letters from Council to impress mariners for the fleet. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 77.]

Aug. 21. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Rutland. To advance the money required for pressing and bringing on board the men, which shall be repaid to him. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 22. Beaulieu. 30. [The Same] to the Treasurer or Chancellor of the Exchequer. On Wednesday the King was on board the fleet at Stoke Bay, where want of mariners was complained of; orders were sent along the coast of Hampshire to Plymouth, to impress 200 mariners. Steps are to be immediately taken for return of the imprest money, and payment of the expenses of conveying them on shipboard.

Aug. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

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[Aug. 22.] 31. Petition of Sir Wm. Clavell to the Council for release from the Marshalsea,—to which he is committed on information of Sir Robt. Mansell,—on account of his delicate health. Hopes soon to be able to prove that his offence was not wilful, and to bring forward circumstances to extenuate it.

Aug. 22. Aboard. 32. Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. The cause of his absence from the fleet when the King was there was the earnest entreaty of his daughter and grandchild; never dreamed of the King's visit. Requests the loan of a coach to go and see His Majesty at Calshot Castle, if the wind continues unfavourable for sailing.

Aug. 22. Witham. 33. Robt. Hopton to the Same. Will do his best for Rich. Hopton, a maimed soldier, who demands relief from the Justices of Somersetshire, but the case will be hard, because he claims arrears for 20 years, and cannot prove the grant of the pension.

Aug. 22. Blissworth. 34. Thos. Kimbould to [Sir John Lambe]. Begs a loan for Mr. West's son, as promised, his need being urgent. He is bound in 300*l.* not to meddle with the lease.

Aug. 22. London. 35. John Coke to Sec. Conway. Advised the Lord Admiral, five years before, on the appointment of the Navy Commission, to have a frame of government that would discover errors in accounts, but the plan was overruled. All kept right till the Algiers voyage, when there was indirect dealing on the part of some Commissioners, in passing off their own wares amongst the provisions then laid in, which has continued occasionally since. Wishes special orders for examination of the offenders, they being fellow Commissioners and of equal authority. *Incloses,*

35. I. *Instructions to the Navy Commissioners to examine into abuses supposed to be committed by certain of their number, especially as to whether Wm. Burrell has not bought provisions, &c. by wholesale, and then sold them for the service by retail; whether others have not concealed it or participated with him; whether Mr. Norris, Surveyor of the Ships, instead of limiting the demands of boatswains, &c., has not concealed their faults and waste, &c.* [*Draft by Coke, in the third person, altered afterwards into the first person, and dated Beaulieu, Aug.* 25, 1623].

Aug. 22. Whitehall. 36. Capt. Best to the Same. Has brought the Dunkirk ship to Gravesend, the Hollander keeping close to her. Has dismissed the Bonaventure and Adventure, and is now ready to attend their Lordships.

Aug. 22. Beaulieu. 37. [Sec. Conway] to John Coke. The King is persuaded that the ship ordered some time ago to fetch the horses from Spain is ready. If so, he thanks the Navy Commissioners; if not, he reproves them, and orders it to be prepared at once.

Aug. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

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Aug. 22. [Beaulieu.] 38. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. As to the business of Ormus complained of by the Spanish Ambassadors, examinations of the officers and men of the London, and others, are to be taken at once, but nothing more can be done during the vacation. If the complaints be true, the deed is foul, and shall have strict justice. Sends Nutt's pardon signed. Commends M. Besange, travelling to France, to have the carriage of a packet.

Aug. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

Aug. 23. London. 39. John Coke to Sec. Conway. The vessel for the horses from Spain has been sent long ago. The Lords have sent Capt. Best back to his ship, till they can have a fuller meeting. Sir Rich. Bingley has posted off to send the victuallers out of the Downs.

Aug. 23. [Beaulieu.] 40. [Sec. Conway] to the Mayor and Customer of Weymouth. To take perfect survey of a ship belonging to the Lord Admiral, now in the custody of the Mayor, send an inventory of its contents to the Navy Commissioners, and not allow it to be given up to the Deputy Vice Admiral, or any other, till the Lord Admiral's return. The Spanish Ambassador promises satisfaction for the ordnance seized by the Governor of St. Sebastian, if the complaint prove true. The King has ordered a pinnace to the coast to search for the pirate Heriot, and will, for security of their trade, order one of the ships now in the Narrow seas to remain about their coasts.

Aug. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. The Same to Mr. Gardiner, Customer of Weymouth. The King commends his diligent service, and requests its continuance. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 78.]

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. The Same to the Earl of Rutland. To send a pinnace to take Heriot, a pirate, and his vessels lying about Weymouth, if it can be done without hindering the voyage. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. 41. [The Same] to Sir Jas. Fullerton. Before presenting a certain petition to the King, submits it to him that he may either take some course with the petitioners, or give his reasons thereupon. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Petition of John and Thos. Wood, and other kindred of the late Capt. Geo. Wood, to the King, for order that Sir Jas. Fullerton, overseer and manager of the estate of the late Wm. Wood, who died in* 1619, *may be required to pay* 2641*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, *legacies left by him amongst his kindred, but hitherto withheld.*

Aug. Minute of the above letter, dated Aug. 26. [*Conway's Lett, Bk., p.* 79.]

Aug. 23. London. 42. Edw. Emerson to Sec. Conway. Hopes to pay all his debts, but cannot do it, nor reap benefit by his protection, if pressed to speedy payments, and compelled to sell at under-rates, by the urgency of Hugh Standford the cutler. Thanks for his protection against him.

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Aug. 23. Dover Castle. 43. Lord Zouch to [Sec. Conway]. Can make little question of taking an oath already taken by the King and some of the Council, but, for his security in time to come, wishes to have the royal command for so doing, as His Majesty will command nothing against God's laws, and it is in his power to dispense with all human laws. If thus commanded, will not hesitate to obey, even in cases where what is done is contrary to his own opinion.

Aug. 23. Declaration by the King that the appointment of the thirteen Poor Knights of Windsor shall henceforth pass under the Seal of the Order of the Garter, they having dependence on that order, and not under the Great Seal as heretofore. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 23. Grant to Hester Powell and Martha Powell, alias Ap Harman, her daughter, of the benefit of the outlawry of John Price, on condition that, when they and the other creditors are satisfied, a tenth of the profit be paid to the King. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 23. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. The King notices the answer made to the Ambassador's threatening speeches. Directions about the private and overt articles. No further differences are expected. The Infanta gives the title of Elector to the Duke of Bavaria. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 79.]

Aug. 24. St. Martin's Lane. 44. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Marquis Inijosa, who, he thinks, is "twenty devils," suggests fresh doubts about the principal business; he has mistaken the resolution of the last conference. Don Carlos inquires daily what is to be done about the conduct of the Dunkirk ship. Sends a certificate from the gentlemen of Shropshire, who think themselves disgraced by Harris being made a Baronet.

Aug. 24. 45, 46. Bills of charges by John Peniall, Messenger of the Chamber, for two journeys from Beaulieu to London and Stoke Bay; and of John Mannington, for a journey from Beaulieu to London. Two papers.

Aug. 24? 47. Estimate of the yearly charge of the elephant and four keepers, total 275*l.* 12*s.*, besides a gallon of wine daily from September to April, when his keepers say he must drink no water.

Aug. 24. 48. Sir Rich. Weston to [Sec. Conway]. The cost of feeding the elephant will be 10*s.* a day. Thinks two servants at 20*l.* per annum each, quite sufficient for him. The Lord Treasurer will be little in love with presents which cost the King as much to maintain as a garrison.

Aug. 24. 49. The Same to the Same. Has sent 50*l.* for impresting the new supply of mariners, but is surprised that they are required, orders for the impresting of 300 being already issued, the allowance for whose imprest and conduct money was only 58*l.* Wishes to have an account of the spending of the money.

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Aug. 24. Lord Admiral Buckingham to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a grant to Wm. Coke, in reversion after Walter Whiting, of the office of one of the four principal masters of the King's ships. [*Dom. Corresp., May* 13, 1622.]

Aug. 24. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to John Coke. Letters have been written according to his advice. The Adventure and Garland are to be discharged. Sir Rich. Bingley is to be removed to the Happy Entrance. Capt. Chudleigh, if he be ready, and if not, some one else, is to take charge of the Desire, and ply on the coast to suppress pirates. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 79.]

Aug. 24. Sunday, The Downs. 50. Capt. Edw. Christian to Sec. Conway. Has delivered the Bonaventure to Sir Wm. St. Leger, well manned. The ships with victuals for the fleet are forced back into the Downs by contrary winds. Has forwarded the letters to the captains, &c.

Aug. 24. Stoke Bay. 51. Earl of Rutland to the Same. Are under sail, though with a bare wind, but will try to get off the coast. Some provisions yet lacking are to be sent after them. Thanks for the coach.

Aug. 25. Prince Royal, Portland Road. 52. The Same to the Same. Has set sail to satisfy the King's earnest desire, though the wind is not very favourable, and there is still great want of men and provisions. Hopes they will be hastened.

Aug. 25. Weymouth. 53. The Same to all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices, &c. Order for the bearer, Peter Parcey, sent by him to Court on the King's special service, to be provided with post horses.

Aug. 25. Sandwich. 54. Peter Peke, Town Clerk of Sandwich, to [Nicholas]. Lord [Zouch's] displeasure greatly afflicts him. Sends a present of fruit for her Ladyship.

Aug. 25. 55. John Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Knows nothing of the value of the place with the Duke which he has laboured to get. Lord Chief Justice Ley and his lady are coming to Burdrop. The King has lengthened his progress. He went from the New Forest to Portsmouth, and dined on board the great ship that is to go for the Prince.

[Aug. 25.] 56. [Edw. Nicholas to his Mother.] Thanks for the motherly care she takes of his wife in her delicate position.

Aug. 25. Winterbourne. 57. [Matt.] Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Domestic intelligence. Marriage of their sister Ryves. Hopes he may obtain the place under the Prince, but thinks him worthy of greater employment.

Aug. 25. Winterbourne. 58. Mary Ryves to [Nicholas]. Writes her first letter since her marriage to him.

Aug. 25. Beaulieu. 59. [Sec. Conway] to John Coke. Sends the warrant which he requested. Hopes he has received orders about Sir Rich. Bingley and the change of the other ships, made on his advice. Is unwell.

Aug. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 79.]

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Aug. 25. Beaulieu. 60. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The King marvels at the Ambassadors' peevishness. Letters from the Prince Palatine, though not yet half read, show that the articles of cessation are signed. Lord Chichester is to have very full directions for the treaty, especially about precedency. His Majesty is willing for Don Francisco Carondolet to be commended to the Prince and Buckingham. Lord Zouch promises to obey, knowing the King will command nothing against the law of God, but wishes the signature of His Majesty, a Secretary, or the Council, after obtaining which a day is to be fixed when the Clerk of the Council and some of the Spanish Ambassadors' train may go to him and see the oath taken. The King and Lords marvelled that Capt. Best remained so long with his ship, and will do so still more to find that he is sent back to it, and not Sir Rich. Bingley put in charge, and that the ship is brought to Gravesend, as though the Downs were not safe. His Majesty is also displeased that the Dutch ship followed and presumed to anchor between the King's ship and the other. Sir Noel Caron had better advise its withdrawal and retirement home.

Aug. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 79.]

Aug. 26. London. 61. Geo. Gage to [Sec. Conway]. The business between Lord Carlisle and Marquis Inijosa, so happily begun, stuck fast because the Lord Keeper opposed the King's promised order to Judges and Justices of the Peace to forbear to execute the penal laws against Catholics. Inijosa pleaded that it was to commence after three months, but, as a compromise, was willing to accept of six months, and leave this and all the rest to the King's pleasure. Hopes His Majesty will oblige his Catholic subjects by becoming their temporal Redeemer. Inijosa waits the reply to send the dispensation, pardon, &c., to Spain.

Aug. 26. St. Martin's Lane. 62. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. The difficulties with the Marquis [Inijosa] are at last got over. Hopes an end of these hourly vexations. The Ambassadors request the liberation of imprisoned priests. The Attorney says it must be done by a command from the King to the Lord Keeper to issue writs therefor.

Aug. 26. [Beaulieu.] 63. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Zouch. The King is pleased with his Lordship's willingness to submit. The nature of the oath required from all the Privy Councillors is, that on occasion of the marriage treaty between the Prince and Infanta of Spain, they refrain from execution of any laws or statutes against Roman Catholics, and swear to keep the articles of the treaty, and for this oath they have an indemnity under the Great Seal. Requests him to appoint a time for taking the oath. His Lordship's noble kinsman, the Knight Marshal, watches diligently that all respect be shown him.

Aug. 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 80.]

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Aug. 26. [Beaulieu.] 64. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The orders issued to eight several ports to impress men for the fleet were given in Lord Rutland's absence, and in ignorance of the measures taken with him to provide them. Some men are got on board, but knows not by which of the commissions. Returns the money sent for them, Rutland having already received provision. The King is pleased with the zeal shown therein.

Aug. 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 80.]

Aug. 26. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 65. Mayor of Weymouth to Sec. Conway. Has only in his custody the ship that belonged to Salineva, a French pirate, and never intended to deliver it to the Deputy Vice Admiral, as supposed, nor to any others without special order from the Lord Admiral. Heriot left Portland Road before the arrival of the fleet. *Incloses,*

65. I. *Inventory of furniture, &c., on board Capt. Peter Salineva's ship.*

Aug. 26. Beaulieu. Sec. Conway to Abraham Williams. To send directions in what form the allowances are to be made for the King of Bohemia. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 80.]

Aug. 27. Broadlands. The Same to Sir John Hippisley. To take Lord Purbeck into his charge, and dispose him in some convenient place. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 27. Beaulieu. 66. The King to the Master of his Game and keeper of his fee-hay, of Ixhill, in the Forest of Brill, co. Bucks. Certain deer being ordered to be kept there for the Prince's buckhounds, great spoil has been made thereof. Orders publication in the parish churches of a prohibition to kill the said deer, whether within or without the fee-hay, on penalty of condign punishment and his Majesty's heavy displeasure.

Aug. 27. Dover Castle. 67. Commission by Lord Zouch appointing John Awsten, of Seaford, droit gatherer for the town and liberties of Seaford.

Aug. 27. Dover Castle. 68. Commission by the Same, appointing Mark Thomas, of Rye, droit gatherer for the town and liberties of Rye.

Aug. [27 ?] 69. List of seventeen noblemen, baronets, and knights, in the three Ridings of Yorkshire, thought fittest to be Deputy Lieutenants.

Aug. 27. Canterbury. 70. Sir Rich. Morrison, Sir John Ogle, and Sir John Kaye, to Lord Zouch. Being appointed Commissioners for surveying his Majesty's forts and castles, state their intention to survey on the morrow the castles on the Downs which are under his command.

Aug. 27. St. Martin's Lane. 71. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Is sorry that the Lords are displeased at the course taken with Capt. Best. His examination was only postponed till the Lord Treasurer could be present. The reason for bringing the Dunkirker to Gravesend was that Moy Lambert has threatened revenge for Best's action, and it was thought better to avoid a scuffle. Begs precise directions what to do therein. The time and place of the treaty are uncertain, on account of the plague at Cologne. Sir Thos. Wentworth must not be omitted from the list of Deputy Lieutenants of Yorkshire.

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Aug. 27. Prince Royal, Plymouth Sound. 72. Earl of Rutland to Sec. Conway. Has sailed as far as Plymouth, and resolves to proceed, notwithstanding lack of men and victuals. Begs that if any mischief shall happen through want thereof, the fault be not imputed to him.

Aug. 28. Prince Royal, Plymouth Sound. 73. The Same to the Same. Is detained in the Sound by contrary winds. The victuals for the St. George and Antelope have arrived. The other victuals and munition are to be h stened. *Incloses,*

73. 1. *Certificate of Walter Whiting and three other shipmasters that, owing to a shift of wind, the four ships were obliged to come to anchor in the Sound, Aug.* 28.

Aug. 28. Grant to Capt. Nutt and his associates of pardon of all depredations and piracies committed before 25 June last, with right to retain all their ships and goods, except those piratically taken since May 1st, which are to be restored to their owners. Regranted because the like pardon which passed the Seal in Feb. last did not reach them within the three months specified. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 28. Madrid. 74. Warrant from Prince Charles to Lord Compton, Master of his wardrobe, to deliver to the Earl of Bristol, for his use, two collars of gold, a rope of pearls, and other jewels as specified.

Aug. 28. Madrid. 75. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. The happy time for his return grows near. They leave on the 9th of Sept., &c. Private affairs. Expressions of affection.

Aug. 28? 76. Abstract of the dispensation proposed to be granted to Roman Catholics, permitting them free worship in their own houses, freeing them from attendance at church or chapel, receiving the Sacrament, or taking the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, without subjection to any penalty or forfeiture, and ordering all the officers of law, Judges, &c., to attend to these directions, and interpret them in the manner most advantageous to Catholics.

Aug. 28. [Aldershott.] 77. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln, Sec. Calvert, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King intended the pardon for things past and dispensation for things to come to be drawn out separately, but he supposes the form proposed must be legal, and therefore, after some scruples about Catholic funerals, which must be private, has signed it. The Lord Keeper is to write and suspend all prosecutions against Catholics for exercising their religion in their own houses, on the ground that the Prince and Infanta should not be troubled with complaints on their first arrival. The warrant for liberating priests is to be prepared. The King thanks them for their pains, and wishes them to endeavour to satisfy the Spanish Ambassador with His Majesty's answers to his demands.

Aug. 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 80.]

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Aug. 29. Aldershott. 78. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Mr. Grimes goes on Sunday for Spain. Sends the bill [of pardon] signed, and letters to the Spanish Ambassadors, informing them of the substance of what is done to satisfy their demands, and requesting them to leave the forms to the King.

Aug. 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 81.]

Aug. 29. Aldershott. The Same to Mr. Gage. Causeless jealousy of the Ambassador. The King has signed the pardon and dispensation, ordered the freeing of Catholics from further trouble and the liberation of the priests, and will do what else is requisite. The Ambassador is therefore to be requested to receive reasonable satisfaction. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 80.]

Aug. 29. Dover. 79. Lord Zouch to [Sec. Conway]. Begs for a copy of the pardon and the rules and directions, that he may know what he has to swear to, and will then conform to His Majesty's directions. Requests orders as to the Jesuit stayed at Dover, and as to searches for letters and other trash.

Aug. 29. Langley. 80. Sir Jas. Fullerton to the Same. Was left by Capt. Wood disposer of his estate after all legacies were paid, but is out of pocket by paying all, 750*l.* being still due to the estate by the King, and many other bad debts unpaid. Would give the remainder of the estate to those of his name and kindred, had there been a remainder; refused an account of his estate to one of his name who sued for it, not wishing to be subject to every man's humour. Thanks for being made acquainted with the petition presented against him.

Aug. 29. 81. Note of the distribution of 40*s.* given by Sir John Suckling [to the servants of the Archbp. of Canterbury].

Aug. 30. 82. List of 171 Popish books, landed at Dover, with notes of 152 which were demanded by the Spanish Ambassador and sent to Sec. Conway. Spanish.

[Aug. 30.] Dover. 83. List of the preceding books as sent to Sec. Conway, the owner of which is not known, because on their seizure he fled privately; also note of books and pictures belonging to John Harrison of Yorkshire, and Hen. Popley, who landed from Calais at Dover on Aug. 26, which were seized by the Commissioners of Passage.

Aug. 30. 84. Lease from Hugh Newton to Rich. Glascock, both of London, of a house and shop, called the Three Lions, in Candlewick Street, Parish of St. Mary Abchurch, London.

Aug. 30. 85. Sir Ralph Freeman to the Duke of Buckingham. Requests to succeed Sir Hen. Wotton at Venice, if he be promoted to the provostship of Eton, and that his own place [Mastership of Requests] may be granted to Sir Albert Morton.

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Aug. 30? 86. Duchess of Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Visct. Purbeck's distemper inclines towards his melancholy fit. When that is on him he may be removed anywhere, but at present he would be outrageous if it were attempted. Thinks Sir John Keysley, and a few friends, had better keep him company in London for the present.

Aug. 30. Aldershott. 87. Sec. Conway to the Duchess of Buckingham. The King admires her gentleness, but says that Purbeck's distemper, carrying him to public acts in public places which dishonour himself and his brother, makes it necessary that he should be restrained from the danger thereof, by being conveyed into the country, and requests her assistance therein.

Aug. 30. Dover. 88. Mayor of Dover to Sec. Conway. Details of transmission of his letters to the victualling ships. Requests payment of his own expenses therein.

Aug. 30. London. 89. Chamberlain to Carleton. Capt. Best's conduct is generally condemned. The Mayor and fifteen Burgesses of Reading were sent for to Court, about some disputed reckoning with the Spanish Ambassadors, who went to Salisbury at the King's expense, their coaches costing 20*l.* a day. They have more venison than they can eat, and bury the rest rather than give it to heretics. The Spaniard has more sway than all other Ambassadors put together. The Fleet is ordered to stay fifteen days, hoping for news of the marriage, but Tobie Matthew writes that he fears the Prince's haste may cause the Infanta to tarry the longer. A letter is circulating, professing to be the reply of the Prince to the Pope. Cardinal Ubaldini is chosen Pope. His Majesty has refused a public toleration for Catholics, but has granted them a pardon and dispensation for 25*s.* each. Lord Arundel is committed for meddling in the business. A commission is appointed to examine the forts, demolish some, and repair others. Death of Sir Sam. Sandys. The harvest is very plentiful.

Aug. 31. Aldershott. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. On a letter from the King of Bohemia. He is to prepare the business as far as he can, and send word about it. The Ambassadors are to give no copies of the pardon and dispensation, but that and all other particular graces intended are to be kept private until there be a real performance on the part of Spain. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 81].

Aug. 31. Plymouth. 90. Mayor of Plymouth to Sec. Conway. Lord Rutland's fleet arrived on the 28th, and also the ships with victuals for it. Mr. Pay is in attendance, and they only tarry for a change of wind.

Aug. 31. Sunday, Plymouth. 91. Nich. Pay [Clerk of the Kitchen] to the Same. The ships have taken in supplies of victuals, and some venison has been sent; is ready to attend the fleet, when the contrary wind ceases.

Aug. 92. Sir Fras. Woolley to Carleton. Fears that Lady Carleton's tarrying is by fault of the Lord Treasurer. He should remember his predecessor and take warning. Magnificence of the English presents given in Spain. The Prince is to be escorted to the seaside, but the sickness of the new Pope delays the dispensation. Buckingham's conduct there is much approved.

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Aug.? 93. Bill of charges by Peter Parry, for bringing a packet in post from the Earl of Rutland, at Weymouth, to the Court at Beaulieu.

Aug. 94. Bill of charges of Ralph Robinson, Messenger in Ordinary, for two journeys from Beaulieu to the Navy, on August 19th and 23d.

Aug. 95. Petition of Ann, widow of Thos. Pricher, of Sandwich, and John Hasnett, of Rye, to Lord Zouch, to direct the Mayor of Rye to restore to them 8*l.* of their money, which he paid to the keeper of the prison for expenses of two other prisoners taken up for piracy, along with Hasnett and Ann Pricher's late husband, but who escaped from prison.

Aug.? 96. Petition of Rich. Dawkes to the Same. Complains of the seizure by Jasper Fowler, Searcher of Dover, of some money which he was sending by sea to London, which seizure is contrary to the King's charter granting leave to the inhabitants of Dover to export goods duty free.

Aug. 97. John Collyns to Nicholas. Exonerates himself from having spoken disrespectfully of him.

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Sept. 1. 1. John Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. His wife is delicate, but all possible care is taken of her. Fears Lord [Zouch's] health will suffer from wintering in Dover. The Chief Justice is ill of the gout and stone at Tidworth.

Sept. 1. Winterbourne. 2. Matt. Nicholas to the Same. Family affairs. Is sorry to hear of his disposition to melancholy. Urges more contentedness with his present position, and hope for the future.

Sept. 1. Dover. 3. Nicholas Knott to Mr. Godden. Wishes his horse to be well kept.

Sept. 1. Aldershott. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln, Sec. Calvert, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Has subscribed every leaf of the pardon and dispensation, which is now returned; the King wishes them to be similarly subscribed by Sec. Calvert, and then the Attorney General ordered to engross them. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 81.]

Sept. 1. Aldershott. The Same to Mr. Gage. The suspicions of the Ambassadors that there is want of either power or will to accomplish what was promised are causeless. The stop was merely for want of clear directions, which are now given; but it is a point of honour not to divulge all things here till notice has arrived of some real performance in Spain. Desires his good offices therein. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. Easthampstead. The Same to Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a bill of the office of Surveyorship of Coals at Newcastle. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. St. Martin's Lane. 4. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Spanish Ambassador Inijosa is much displeased because copies of the pardon and dispensation for the Catholics are not to be distributed until some good news

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arrive from Spain, and the Prince and Princess, or one of them, return. He says it is a violation of the articles of Salisbury. He was hardly persuaded not to send off a messenger at once to Spain about it, and will set out to wait on the King, without staying to have an audience appointed. He is somewhat calmed by receiving a copy of the pardon and dispensation, signed on every leaf by the Secretaries of State. He complains that the Ambassadors are besieged in their house, and the people throw stones at them in their coaches. A tumult arose at his gates yesterday from an attack on the Spaniards; "the people are extreame unruly and rude," and mischief will ensue unless something is done.

Sept. 2. Plymouth. 5. Jas. Bagg, jun. to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Rutland and his fleet have set sail with a good wind, and are out of sight. Mr. Pay has his provisions on board, and is also under sail.

Sept. 2. Hampton Court. 6. Sir John Hippisley to the Same. Has brought Visct. Purbeck hither without noise, as commanded, and done all he could to avoid scandal to the Duke or Viscount, but prays to be freed from further concern in that business.

Sept. 3. Easthampstead. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. Concerning Lord Purbeck. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 81.]

Sept. 4. Bagshot. The Same to Sec. Calvert. An exemplification of the pardon and dispensation is to be made under the Great Seal and delivered to Marquis Inijosa. The directions for suspending prosecutions against Catholics are to be renewed; all contempts against the Ambassadors to be suppressed, and unfitting passages in sermons against the King of Spain to be examined into. Inquiry is also to be made why the counterfeit speech going under the name of the Archbp. of Canterbury is not publicly disavowed. [*Ibid., p.* 82.]

Sept. 4. Bagshot. 7. The King to the Master and Officers of the Mint. Thinks it important to encourage those employed in the lately discovered mines in Wales, which give great hopes of general benefit, and therefore orders that all bullion sent by them to the Mint be weekly coined into crowns, half-crowns, shillings, sixpences, and 3*d.*, 2*d.*, and 1*d.* pieces, all to bear the arms of the Prince, to distinguish them from other coins.

Sept. [4.] 8. Draft of the above.

Sept. 4 ? 9. Declaration of the King's pleasure that John Canon, whose ancestors have long held certain lands in Pembrokeshire, where lead mines exist, which yield 60 lbs. of lead and 8 oz. of silver per cwt. of ore, shall undertake the working of the said mines; with order to the Sheriff of Somersetshire to send him 10 or 12 of the most skilful workmen from the Mendip mines to assist him.

Sept. 4. Hackney. 10. Robt. Middlemore to Edw. Nicholas. His lady [Lady Willoughby, of Parham] is indebted to Nicholas for his respect. Sir Geo. Manners continues to deal ill with her.

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Sept. 4. 11. Mayor of Folkestone to Nicholas. Complains of Wm. Christopher for contempt of his authority.

Sept. 4. Gray's Inn. 12. Visct. St. Albans to Sec. Conway. Begs him to remind the King of his gracious promise that if Mr. Beecher can be otherwise satisfied, he may have his desire [of the Provostship of Eton]. Thinks it were strange if he could "not doe as much good to the college as another, be it square capp or rownd."

Sept. 5. 13. The King to Visct. Purbeck. Having a tender respect to one so near and dear to the Duke of Buckingham, desires him for his own good to repair to and abide at such place as shall be appointed him by the Earl of Middlesex.

Sept. 6. Bagshot. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To take order that Lord Purbeck be sent into the country, and placed under charge of Sir John Hippisley, or some other fit person. News brought from Spain by Mr. Glenham. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 82.]

Sept. 6. Bagshot. Warrant for Sir John Hippisley to convey Lord Purbeck into the country, with a clause for assistance. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 6. Bagshot. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. To give any further warrant or assistance necessary to Sir John Hippisley, for conveying Lord Purbeck into the country. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 6. Bagshot. The Same to Sir Geo. Goring. His Majesty is pleased to grant him permission to visit his mother. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 6. Westminster College. 14. Wm. Boswell to Dr. Beale, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge. To further the appointment of his brother to be joint Proctor with himself.

Sept. 6. 15. Bond of John Barry, Thos. Kitchen, and Thos. Winckfield, of Hastings, in 40*l.*, for appearance of Barry before Lord Zouch, to answer charges against him.

Sept. 6. 16. Petition of Wm. Christopher, prisoner in Dover Castle, to Lord Zouch, for release from his just confinement, being penitent for his offences, which proceeded from frailty and ignorance rather than disobedience.

Sept. 6. Hastings. 17. Mayor and Jurats of Hastings to Lord Zouch. Certify the weak condition of Robt. Mills, and request pardon for his non-appearance at the late musters. His son, who should have taken his place, was from home.

Sept 6. London. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Some say the fleet for Spain is driven back by the contrary westerly wind, which the Puritans call a Protestant wind, because it will suffer nobody to sail to Spain. Report says that the Prince is returning, farewell presents having been exchanged, but that the business is still in uncertainty; also that the Infanta has written to request the King to allow him to stay till spring, when she will come with him. His Majesty is at Windsor. [*Holl. Corresp., Sept.* 6.]

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Sept. 6. 18. Locke to Sir Dud. Carleton. A follower of the Spanish Ambassador has killed a baker in the Strand, and wounded another person. The King has ordered the Council to investigate the matter.

Sept. 6. Bagshot. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. The King wishes the business for reformation of abuses done to the Spanish Ambassadors to be attended to in London, and the Council to remain there for that purpose. Complains of the slowness of the post. Returns the pardon and dispensation, and the warrant for enlarging the priests, signed. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 82.]

Sept. 6. [Windsor.] 19. [The Same] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Though the King has signed the warrant for enlarging priests, and done all on his part, the warrant is not to be executed, till tidings come from Spain of the marriage or betrothal, and till provision is made that those priests who have taken the oath [of allegiance] incur no danger thereby, and orders given that on their enlargement, they do not execute their functions publicly.

Sept. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 83.]

Sept. 7. Windsor. The Same to the Same. To deliver to the Spanish Ambassador a copy of the pardon and dispensation, but to retain the original in his own hands till further order. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Sept. 7. Windsor. 20. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Has received the warrant for delivery of priests out of prison, but not that for detaining of particular pardons in his own hands mentioned by Sec. Calvert.

Sept. 7. Winchelsea. 21. Giles Waters to [Nicholas]. Will carefully execute the Lord Warden's commission for the gathering of his droits, but little opportunity for performance of service has yet occurred.

Sept. 8. Windsor. 22. The King to the President and Council of Wales and others. Authorizes them to apprehend all persons found encroaching on mines of Sir Hugh Middleton, in Cardiganshire, from which he has found means to extract silver and lead, to the employment of many poor and general benefit of the kingdom.

Sept. 8. Rye. 23. Mayor of Rye to Nicholas. Sends their muster roll, and requests that the officers of the selected band may be permanent, and not allowed to be enticed away. Objects to Mr. Gibbridge's wish to entice the serjeant, Mr. Cockram, to serve as ensign in away the general band.

Sept. 8. Winterbourne. 24. Matt. Nicholas to the Same. Domestic affairs. His wife is better.

Sept. 8. Madrid. 25. Endymion Porter to his Wife. Is to leave Madrid the next day for England.

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Sept. 9. St. Martin's Lane. 26. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Council have ordered the Justices of Middlesex to charge the constables of Westminster and the Strand, in the King's name, to appoint watchmen to prevent any insult to the Spanish Ambassadors or other strangers. The Ambassadors are requested to give in the names of any uncivil to them, that they may be severely punished. Capt. Best is ordered to draw up a relation of his proceedings, and not to leave town.

Sept. 9. 27. Examination of John Gresham. Obtained, by means of Sir Wm. Evers, an appointment from the Spanish Ambassador to a ship of Dunkirk. Enlisted sixteen soldiers, but could not sail from Dover for want of 5*l.* demanded for their transport. Travelled thence towards Northwood, Isle of Wight, where he lives.

Sept. 9. Southampton. 28. Lieut. Ant. Hill to Lord Zouch. Is detained by unfavourable winds, &c. The fleet is still at Plymouth. The Newfoundland ships arrive daily, and have had a good voyage. Not a word is now heard of the landing at Southampton of the Prince and his Donna, for whom preparations were made two months ago.

Sept. 9 ? 29. Relation of the proceedings in convoying the Dunkirk ship from Scotland to the Downs. The Hollanders promised not to injure her whilst under English escort; but on July 28, the Dunkirker, in a bravado, sailed three miles from the King's ships; the Hollanders attacked her, but ceased when the English came up. Whilst in the Downs, Capt. Best came suddenly at night and fired 20 or 25 shots at the Hollanders, who did not resist. Best on this was summoned to Council, and Sir Rich. Bingley ordered to take the vessel to Dunkirk. The States, at the King's request, have sent a passport by which it may enter the port without disturbance from their vessels.

Sept. 9 ? 30. Capt. Best to the Council. Particulars of the above attack made by the Hollanders on the Dunkirk ship. The captain of the Holland ship now at Gravesend confesses that their intention was to sink her.

Sept. 9. Windsor. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Sends him a warrant for himself, signed by the King, concerning the pardon, and a letter to Cambridge, a draft of which he had prepared. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 83]. *Incloses,*

1. *The King to the Same. Wishes the Catholics of England to taste the royal clemency, on occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales and the Infanta, and therefore authorizes him to issue for five years pardons and dispensations, according to a form annexed, to all Catholics who request it, on payment only of such fees as were charged for the general pardon, in the first year of his reign. Annexes,*

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II. *Grant to Thos. Preston of pardon for all offences against certain statutes on religion named, and also of dispensation to exercise in private houses the rites and ceremonies of Divine worship according to the custom of the Church of Rome; also to keep Catholic servants; with injunction to all magistrates to interpret this grant in its most favourable sense. Sept.* 8. *Latin.*

III. *The King to the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. Is specially interested in that College, as being a royal foundation, the fairest in the kingdom, and the resort of the free scholars of Westminster. Desires reform of recent abuses in the elections of Fellows by pre-elections made before the vacancies occur, and by undue precedency given to others over Westminster scholars, though more deserving; also by elections made by the Master and Seniors, rather than by plurality of voices. Windsor, Sept.* 7.

Sept. 9. Windsor. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Nottingham. It is not the King's pleasure to abolish or suspend his Lordship's authority in any of his offices, but only to qualify it for preservation of the game. Sends the King's pleasure concerning Mr. Fountain, his Lordship's Secretary. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 83.]

Sept. 9. Windsor. The Same to Sec. Calvert. Sends him a copy of the declaration and request which came last from the Prince Palatine. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 9. Windsor. The Same to the Earl Marshal. To decide a question pending in the Court Marshal, touching the fitness of Sir Thos. Harris, of Salop, to hold the dignity of a Baronet; returns his Lordship's report thereon. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 10. Windsor. 32. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King is willing, at the petition of Lord Say and Sele, to enlarge his limits of restraint from 20 to 24 miles, that he may visit his daughter, the Countess of Lincoln, during her lying-in.

Sept. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 84].

Sept. 11. Whitehall. 33. John Coke to the Officers of Ordnance. To supply speedily with munition the pinnace Desire, to be commanded by Capt. Chudleigh, for the Narrow seas. Thinks the stores of the Adventure might be employed for it.

Sept. 11. Folkestone. 34. Thos. Philpot to [Nicholas]. Wishes to know whether the Mayor is satisfied with William Christopher's submission, as the order cannot be drawn up until he is so.

Sept. 11. 35. Thos. Fulnetby to [the Same]. Barnaby Raleigh, sent by the Commissioners, has viewed the dilapidations of Deal Castle; thinks he might be of service about the pier at Dover, and also receive his Lordship's droits, claimed by Sir Thos. Pelham, if he had a commission as a droit gatherer.

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Sept. 11. Wanstead. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. The Spanish Ambassador is to be assured that the King will cause the Lords [of the Council] who are absent, to take the oath. Lord Zouch is to be sent to thereon, and a day's warning and a copy of the warrant allowed him. The Ambassadors to be treated with on some other points. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 84].

Sept. 12. St. Martin's Lane. 36. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The Spanish Ambassadors are much vexed at the news that the Prince is about to return home without the Infanta. They declare they have always urged the consummation of the marriage, and the return of the two together. Has comforted them with assurances of the King's constancy, the oaths to be taken by the absent Lords, &c. They urge the promised exemplification of the pardon, and letter of the Lord Keeper to the Bishops, Judges, &c. for suspension of the penal laws. Gave them a general answer of encouragement, fearing they might send off word to Spain that they find counsels are changed. Asks directions thereon.

Sept. 12. Wanstead. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. The Spanish Ambassadors sent to let the King know the purpose of their writing. The former directions are to be pursued; copies [of the pardon, &c.] given them, and the Lord Keeper ordered to stay prosecutions against Catholics. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 84.]

Sept. 12. Windsor. The same to Sir Wm. Cope. On behalf of Hugh Standford, a cutler. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 12. Windsor. The Same to Sir Wm. Chancey. Of the same tenor. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 13. London. 37. Dr. Mayerne to Sir Dud. Carleton. Praises Lady Carleton as the queen of wives, for her careful description of his symptoms; medical advice, and system of dieting prescribed. French.

Sept. 13. Dover Castle. 38. Petition of Jacob Swaine, of Deal, to Lord Zouch. Vincent Denn, Porter of Sandown Castle, refuses payment for the use of his barn for thrashing, and slanders him as having stolen some of his corn. Requests satisfaction, or permission to prosecute Denn. With reference thereon to the Lieutenant of Sandown Castle.

Sept. 14. Havering. 39. Petition of Thos. Powell to the King. Formerly presented to His Majesty a MS. treatise entitled "Direction for Search of Records;" has since published a book on the same subject, entitled "The Attorney's Academy," but finds that to complete the former work, the assistance of the Judges and officers of Courts is required, to set down the fees exacted in each Court. Requests an order that he may be assisted therein, and may have the sole licence, already promised him by His Majesty, of printing and publishing the said work, which will be more useful than the Conqueror's Domesday or Henry III.'s Tricolumnus. With order thereon, granting the petition.

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Sept. 14. 40. Locke to Carleton. The Lords have ordered watches to prevent affronts to strangers, and the common people are warned to behave civilly to them. Dispensations are to be granted to Roman Catholics. Sir Rich. Bingley is ordered to take charge of the Dunkirk vessel, escort her to the port, and watch to see her safely into the harbour, requiring the Hollanders to suffer her to pass. The Prince's arrival is hourly expected.

Sept. 14. 41. Geo. Drewe to Lord Zouch. Begs redress against Rich. Philips and others, who persist in fishing in the stream of the Maison Dieu mills, which he rents from Sir Marmaduke Darell; they have assaulted and cruelly beaten him, for opposing them therein.

Sept. 15. Dover Castle. 42. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Sends such Popish books, letters, relics, &c., as have been stayed since his last coming to Dover. Knows not where the owners live, so cannot, as directed, give them notice that they may solicit restitution. The letters sent by Sec. Conway to the Mayor of Dover, commanding him to send away the ships, should, according to ancient custom, have been addressed to the Lord Warden or his deputy, who should receive all communications from King or Council.

Sept. 16. 43. Petition of Edw. Doves of Dover to Lord Zouch, to compel Wm. Nethersole and others to pay 20*l.*, balance due to him for tobacco sold to them, which they refuse, knowing that the bargain was made privately and cannot be proved.

Sept. 16. Penryn. 44. Sir Fras. Godolphin and Sir Art. Harris to the Council. Have taken the opinions of the masters, shipowners, and mariners in the vicinity, and of some strangers, on the utility of the lighthouse lately erected near the Lizard, and all are in its favour, except those of Penryn. A Holland captain declares it saved his own ship of 100 men. Cannot ascertain what a contribution of a halfpenny per ton [on ships passing] would amount to, but the servants of the patentees in Mount's Bay, St. Ives, and Falmouth, declare they have only received 13*l.* in all these places since its first erection.

Sept. 17. Theobalds. 45. The King to the Bp. of Salisbury. Desires the advowson of the vicarage of Gillingham, co. Dorset, for Wm. Connock, who wishes to bestow it on a kinsman whom he has educated. *Annexing,*

45. I. *Petition of Wm. Connock to the King, for his influence with the Bp. of Salisbury, to procure him the above advowson, for the benefit of his kinsman.*

Sept. 17. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The Spanish Ambassador complains of delay. Renews directions for delivery to him of a copy of the pardon, and for writing of letters to stay the prosecutions against Catholics. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 84.]

Sept. 17. Theobalds. Instructions for Capt. Chudleigh, employed to sea in the ship Desire. [*Ibid.*]

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Sept. 17. Theobalds. See. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To certify by whose warrant he drew the proclamation concerning felts, and his opinion of its conveniency. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 84.]

Sept. 17. Theobalds. Proclamation forbidding the importation of felts, hats, or caps, which have been wrought or partly wrought abroad, the English felt workers being much injured by import of felts dressed abroad. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 117.]

Sept. 18. Nonsuch. 46. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Wishing to gain time till the return of the Prince, on hearing that he was to come back "as nakedly from all relations as he went," pretended to the Spanish Ambassadors that it was impossible soon to despatch such a multitude of instruments, &c.; when once sealed, they can no longer be kept close; will not trust Inijosa's secrecy, and the objectors in Parliament will reflect on the King's readiness to give way in matters of religion. Has them quite ready, however, and will seal them as ordered; and if so directed, give copies to the Marquis, taking his note not to publish them in England. Has taken all the blame of the delay on himself. *Incloses,*

46. I. *The Same to Don Carlos de Colonna. Has received a reproof from the King for the delay in sealing the warrants of pardon. Hopes by Saturday to have all completed. Spanish.*

Sept. 18. Temple. 47. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Drew the proclamation prohibiting the import of felts by direction of the King. Did not know of any reference pending therein, nor can tell how to ascertain anything about it, the party who procured the proclamation being a stranger. Knows of no inconvenience likely to result therefrom.

Sept. 18. Folkestone. 48. Thos Philpot to Lord Zouch. Begs that the bearers, John Badgeant and Rich. Kennet, both of Folkestone, and worth 100*l.*, may be accepted as bail for Christopher, and he released to provide for his family.

Sept. 18. 49. Petition of Ant. Vanderhaeft, Captain of a Holland man-of-war, to the Same, for restoration of his anchor, lost during a storm in the Downs, and taken possession of by the Deal fishermen. With order thereon, granting the petition.

Sept. 18. Theobalds. 50. Sec. Conway to the Same. Has received his letter with a cloak, bag, and another fardel, but had not time to examine them. Meant no disrespect by the directions sent to the Mayor of Dover, but gave them to save time and trouble, not knowing that his Lordship was at Dover.

Sept. 18. Theobalds. The Same to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Somersetshire. On behalf of Rich. Cottle, a maimed soldier. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 85.]

Sept. 18. Theobalds. The Same to the Earl of Carlisle. Gives him the King's instructions on certain points to be mentioned by him in his reply to the letter of the Conde Olivarez. [*Ibid.*]

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Sept. 19. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. In answer to his Lordship's letter concerning the copy [of the pardon] for the Spanish Ambassador, and the letters to be written by him for stay of prosecution of Catholics, of which letters copies are also to be given. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 85.]

Sept. 19. 51. The King to the Justices of Northumberland. To proceed with all diligence in levying moneys for repair of Haydon Bridge over South Tyne, as ordered by the Judges at the last sessions, and to hasten the work, the want of so useful a passage occasioning much inconvenience and loss.

Sept. 19. Theobalds. 52. The Same to the Vice Provost and Fellows of Eton College. Authorizes the Vice Provost to act as Provost, till further pleasure, in letting leases, holding courts, and all such acts as require the presence of a Provost.

Sept. 19. Westminster College. 53. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Will deliver the writings, &c., to Marquis Inijosa, and a copy of the warrant for the delivery of the priests, if he requires it.

Sept. 19. Kensington. 54. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. To the same purport as that of Sept. 18, on the proclamation against import of felts. It is only a confirmation of a former proclamation, with addition of penalties for non-observance.

Sept. 19. Arundel House. 55. Earl of Arundel to Carleton. His extreme sorrow makes him incapable of this world's affairs. Is sorry to lose the company of Lady Carleton.

Sept. 19. St. Martin's Lane. 56. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Asks whether to congratulate the Venetian Ambassador on the election of a new Doge. Passports are desired for two horses sent by the King to M. Boischot, and for two others which the Spanish Ambassadors wish to transport.

Sept. 20. St. Martin's Lane. 57. The Same to the Same. Sends for signature a privy seal for payment of moneys to be made immediately in London, on bills of exchange from Madrid.

Sept. 20. 58. Abstract of the Patent granted to Sir Robt. Sharpeigh and Alex. Hartley, nominees of the Duke of Richmond and Lenox, of the office of Surveyors of Sea Coal at Newcastle, Sunderland, and Blyth, for preventing certain abuses and deceits specified, in mingling base low-priced coals with good coals. Imperfect.

Sept. 20. 59. Commission by Lord Zouch, authorizing the Mayor of Dover, the Mayor of Sandwich, the Master of the Fellowship of Lode-Manage and others, to hold from time to time the Court of Lode-Manage, for licensing pilots, suppressing disorders, and punishing misdemeanours and offences amongst seafaring men, within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports.

Sept. 21. Theobalds. 60. The King to Sir John Wolstenholme. To pay 300*l.* to Robt. Barefoot.

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Sept. 21. Theobalds. 61. The King to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Renews his former request that Robt. Rigden may have the appointment of the two additional sea coal meters, in London, he engaging to nominate citizens of London, subject to such fines and conditions as are usual; trusts they will no longer be backward in complying with the request. [*See* 1622, *Undated Nos.* 6, 7.]

Sept. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, Sept.* 29.]

Sept. 21. Dover Castle. 62. Lord Zouch to Mr. Cockram, of Rye. Desires him to resume his post as serjeant of the select band of Rye, which he quitted without licence for the general band, at the last muster.

Sept. 21. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Recorder of London. On behalf of Turner, prisoner in Newgate. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 85.]

Sept. 22. Theobalds. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Sir John Wolstenholme. To order free passage for things going to or coming from France for Sir Wm. St. Ravie. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 22. Theobalds. The Same to Sec. Calvert. No reply to the letters from Mr. Trumbull. Returns certain papers not specified. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 22. 63. Anticipations made on specified branches of the King's receipts for 1623. Total 36,544*l.* 8*s.* 9½*d.*

Sept. 23. Morpeth. 64. Sir Ralph and Sir John Delavale, Commissioners for the Borders, to Lord Lieutenant Clifford. Appointed a meeting with Sir Ralph Grey, at Alnwick, respecting the examination of his tenants for the apprehension of the Earl of Buccleugh's officers, but it was prevented by the death of Sir Hen. Wodrington, and of Sir Ralph Grey himself. His son, Sir Wm. Grey, has brought up the examinations, whereby it appears that the Scotchmen who apprehended John Hoye had no warrant to produce from the Earl of Buccleugh, nor was the usual notice sent by any of the Scottish commissioners. Are surprised at the King's being informed of laxity in punishment of offenders. Have strictly fulfilled their duty, but the Border Commission needs renewing, some commissioners being dead, and others removed, or disabled by illness. *Incloses,*

64. 1. *Examination of John Brewes, sen. and jun., and And. Hooke, all of Kilham, Northumberland. Hearing a hue and cry of an affray at Thompson's walls, a mile distance, rode thither, and found four Scots pulling down the house of John Hoye, whom they seized and used cruelly. They said they were the Earl of Buccleugh's men, and were to take Hoye into Scotland, but refused to produce a warrant, and assaulted the examinates; the country rising against them, they liberated Hoye, and submitted to be taken to Sir Ralph Grey's for examination. Sept.* 23.

Sept. 23. Warrant to pay to Alex. Stafford 32,477*l.*, for the like sum furnished by bills of exchange to the Prince in Spain. [*Docquet.*]

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Sept. 23. Warrant to repay to Philip Francklin 40*l.*, levied by virtue of a judgment against him for engrossing corn, the witnesses against him being perjured. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 23. Grant to Purslow Bird of an alms room in Christ Church, Oxford. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 24. 65. List of armour, &c. to be supplied by the clergy of the several parishes of Leicestershire; returned by Sir John Lambe, Commissary of the Bishop of Lincoln.

Sept. 25. Hampton Court. Proclamation prohibiting the printing of disorderly and seditious books and pamphlets, or of those for which special licences have been given, and also the importation of the same into the kingdom, when printed abroad. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 118.]

Sept. 25. Warrant for a gentleman belonging to the Earl of Soissons to transport twenty horses and geldings. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 25. Hampton Court. 66. [Sec. Conway] to Jas. Bagg, Vice-Admiral of Devon, at Plymouth. The King wishes Sir Wm. St. Ravie, a French gentleman who has attended him in hunting all summer, and whom he has knighted, to have free passage for anything he wishes to take back with him. Also that no difficulty be made in procuring payment to him of a debt of 400*l.*, due from two merchants of that town.

Sept. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Sept. 25. [Hampton Court.] 67. [The Same] to the Mayor of Southampton. Asks whether there be any tidings of the fleet, which is expected by this time on the coast.

Sept. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Sept. 25. [Hampton Court.] 68. [The Same] to Sir Wm. Bird. Recommends to his care Charity Wilkinson, [a poor woman] who has a cause depending in his court relative to a nuncupative will made by a person who died in her house.

Sept. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Sept. 25. [Hampton Court.] 69. [The Same] to Sir John Bourchier. The King promises to preserve Bourchier's interest in a certain affair [the soap manufacture] of which he was the propounder, and wishes information thereon from the committees now at Hampton Court.

Sept. 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Sept. 26. [Hampton Court.] 70. [The Same] to Lady Bennet. Is willing to do her any favour in his power, in reference to the extent upon her lands; will procure leave for her to take some of them at the rates at which they are extended, if she wishes it, and will take her house near Uxbridge at its full worth, if she and her husband desire to lease it.

Sept. 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

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Sept. 26. Walthamstow. 71. Sir Wm. Bird to Sec. Conway. Being a Master in Chancery, resides chiefly in London, and finds it inconvenient to show his horse and arms at the musters in Essex, as he is required to do on account of a lease he holds there in right of his wife; desires a letter to the Deputy Lieutenants that he may be spared that service in the country, and only show horse and arms in the city.

Sept. 26. Hampton Court. Order in Council that the lessees of mines royal shall forfeit their leases if they do not begin the works within two years after taking out the lease, or if, having so begun, they do not proceed effectually with them; also that they shall have limits assigned them wherein to work, lest one person engross too much land; also that a proclamation be issued, giving the preference as lessee to the owner of the land, if he request a lease within a year after the proclamation, &c. [*Dom. Corresp., Dec.* 30.]

Sept. 27. Woolwich. 72—75. Accounts by Thos. Argoll, of wages paid to rope makers, spinners, labourers, &c. in Woolwich Dockyard, from April 14 to September 27, 1623. Four papers.

Sept. 28. Hampton Court. 76. The King to Sir Thos. Coventry. To make out two pardons for all offences, etc., within cognizance of the ecclesiastical courts, committed before June 1 last, by Robt. Earl of Sussex, and Frances Shute, widow.

Sept. 28. [Hampton Court.] 77. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Bird. Wrote in his behalf, as he wished, to the Deputy Lieutenants, but, finding that his request was against the order of the State in that case, altered it into another form, and sends it for approval. *Incloses,*

77. I. [*Sec. Conway*] *to the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex. In behalf of Sir Wm. Bird, who asks as a favour what he might claim as a right, viz., exemption from a demand to find a horse at the musters, because of a house without lands which he holds at Walthamstow, and occupies for recreation only a few weeks in the year. Though the orders are that persons be charged for the muster according to their lands, in the counties where they lie, a man should not be taxed to the amount of his whole estate, in a county where he only holds a garden house. Hampton Court, Sept.* 28.

[Sept. 28.] 78. Draft of the above, with some difference.

Sept. 28. Minute of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Sept. 29. Hampton Court. 79. [The Same] to John Wood, keeper of the cormorants. To seek after a cormorant, purloined by counterfeit messages, and to seize and bring it back, with whomsoever it be found.

Sept. 29. 80. Copy of the above.

Sept. 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

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Sept. 29. 81. Account of money received at Dartmouth for maintenance of the Lizard Lighthouse, at ½*d.* per ton on vessels, since Christmas last, total, 18*l.* 7*s.* With estimate that the rates of those who refused to pay might amount to 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* more.

Sept. 29. Plymouth. 82. Jas. Bagg, jun. to Sec. Conway. Advised Mr. Blake and Mr. Page to detain the 400*l.* lent them by Sir Wm. St. Ravie, because the money was reported to be taken out of the Calais prize seized by Capt. Bassan, St. Ravie's lieutenant, and might therefore concern the Lord Admiral; but will gladly follow His Majesty's pleasure in trying to procure its payment to St. Ravie.

Sept. 29 ? 83. Brief of the cause Jones *v.* Kimpton, respecting the will of Jane Jones, which she made in favour of Mrs. Kimpton, to the disadvantage of her own children, whom she accused of unkind treatment. Damaged.

Sept. 29. Grant to Rich. Hunt, in place of Wm. Marsh, deceased, of the office of Keeper of the King's Game in the honour of Windsor Castle. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. 84. The King to the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Recommends John Littleton for a Fellowship, which by their own contracts they are bound to grant him, if his information be correct. Any breach of such contracts may discourage future benefactors to the College. [*See October* 5].

Sept. 30. Canterbury. 85. John Dickenson to Lord Zouch. Apologizes for having torn the copy of the Commission for Lord Wotton.

Sept. 30. Little[cote]. 86. Sir Fras. Popham to Sec. Conway. Asks his favour in a suit now depending in the Court of Orphanage of London, between him and his son's mother-in-law, now wife of Sir Thos. Hinton, relative to the share of the goods of Sir Sebastian Harvey, belonging to his son's wife. *Annexing,*

86. I. *Abstract of the agreement made by Sir Fras. Popham with Lady Harvey, on the marriage of his son with her daughter, of the points in which Lady Harvey denies or refuses to fulfil the agreement, and of the terms of accommodation proposed by Sir Francis.* [*See Oct.* 10.]

Sept. 30. Hackney. 87. Fulke Lord Brooke, to Sec. Conway. The bearer will apologize for his not writing, and relate the state he now stands in.

Sept. 88. Thos. Morton, Bp. of Coventry and Lichfield, to the Same. Has yielded to Dr. Balconquall's suit for the reversion of a prebend in the cathedral. The happy approach of the Prince being rumoured, begs him to remind the King of his promise about the horse Captain. Is ready to attend in person to congratulate the Prince's return, if such be his Majesty's pleasure. On the fly leaf are notes [by Sec. Conway] of a letter to be written to Sir Randall Crew about a suit of his cousin Paulet, &c.

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Sept. ? 89. Lord Chamb. Pembroke to Carleton. Hears that the Queen of Bohemia thinks of coming over; begs him by his love to her to prevent it, as, during her brother's absence, nothing under heaven could be so dangerous to her. The Prince alone can restore her husband and children's honour, and nothing would give it such a check as her coming at this time. The Queen should write nothing to the Duchess of Lenox that she does not intend all the people of quality in London to know.

Sept. ? 90. Petition of John Nutt, pirate, to the Council. Sir John Eliot, who has seized all his goods, refuses to obey their order of Sept. 8, to deliver 100*l.* to him for payment of the expenses of his imprisonment, on excuse that he cannot do it unless allowed to go into the country. Begs a stricter order therein, and also that Eliot may not be allowed to conceal or embezzle his goods.

Sept. Ordnance Office. 91. Certificate by Sir Rich. Morison, Sir John Ogle, and Sir John Kaye, of all the brass ordnance remaining in sundry forts; total number of pieces, 223.

Sept. 92. Note of rents due to Sir Edw. Conway, jun., on March 25, and received by Mr. May, and of payments therefrom to the nurse.

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Oct. 1. 1. Licence from Lord Zouch to John Bloquet, of Dieppe, to fish in the Sowe and elsewhere on the English coast; with note of enrolment at Dover Castle, Oct. 4, and at Rye, Oct. 14.

Oct. 2. Norwich. 2. Mayor and Aldermen of Norwich to the Commissioners for grievances. Have received a multitude of complaints of oppression by bailiffs in the Hundred Courts, and of increase of Fees in the Ecclesiastical Courts, but have not examined into them, having no authority to offer redress. No grace of the King is more thankfully received by the poor than this intention to remedy grievances.

Oct. 2. [Theobalds.] 3. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King wishes himto proceed with all things not yet determined, especially the business of Virginia, and give account thereof.

[Oct. 2.] 4. Copy of the above.

Oct. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Oct. 2. [Theobalds.] 5. [The Same] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Some disorders have been committed at Cheshunt, by the commoners rising against inclosures of part of the common near Theobalds, which the justices have proceeded against as riot. The King, having devised a means to remove all just grievances, orders a commission of

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inquiry thereon, directed to the Earl of Salisbury, Sir Rich. Lucy, Sir Pat. Murray, and others. Sends papers relating to the points to be inquired on, &c.

Oct. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

Oct. 2. Theobalds. 6. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. In the appointment of the Commissioners for Cheshunt common, a blunder has been made about precedency. Sir Pat. Murray, being an Earl's son, must neither be placed after any of the knights, nor left out of the quorum.

Oct. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 86.]

[Oct. 2.] 7. Particulars of a Commission to inquire into certain grievances at Cheshunt, viz., inclosure of common, erection of cottages without freehold land, intrusion of foreigners, &c.

Oct. 2. Chelsea. 8. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Sir Hen. Mildmay has acknowledged the wrong he has done him by his ill speeches; they proceeded from spleen at being opposed in two suits which he made, which were contrary to the King's interests. As Mildmay is penitent, begs that he may be restored to His Majesty's favour.

Oct. 3. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Concerning Sir Hen. Mildmay. The King is pleased with his Lordship's goodness in pardoning and interceding for him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 87.]

Oct. 3. St. Martin's Lane. 9. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends a packet for His Majesty. Requests that his brother Mynne and Shipman may be referred to some of the Council in town, for dispatch of their Patent for madder.

Oct. 3. Theobalds. 10. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Apologizes for not waiting on Lord Carlisle, on a business relating to Sec. Calvert and [Mr. Mynne]. Lord Brooke is also added by the King as a referee. Will come in from Royston on purpose for it on any day named. His Majesty is unwell, and not able to proceed on his journey [to Royston], but hopes to do so to-morrow.

Oct. 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 87.]

Oct. 3. Theobalds. The Same to the Same. On his propositions to the Spanish Ambassadors and their answers. The Prince is hastened from Spain. That King complimented him by attending him to the seaside. There is no ground of blame to Buckingham. Directions for a letter from the King to the Prince Palatine, according to the counsel of the Ambassadors. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 87.]

Oct. 3. Theobalds. The Same to the Earl of Nottingham. For a warrant to cut down four oak trees in Cranborne Chace, to make rails and racks for the deer in Sir Thos. Tyringham's walk. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 3. Dinton. 11. Hen. Hyde to Sir Robt. Pye. Thanks for his services. Did not expect a Royal letter would need other aid, but Dr. Langton [President of Magdalen College] professes to be far bespoken. Thinks there is some secret way of dealing with these scholars, which he cannot understand.

Oct. 3. 12. Sir Rich. Weston to [Sec. Conway]. The Lord Treasurer says that, as to the lands desired by the Earl of Desmond, he wishes all such suitors to be treated alike, wanting no thanks nor exceptions, but only His Majesty's service.

Oct. 3. Chelsea. 13. Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Same. The certificate of the Commissioners employed in survey of the forts on the sea coast proved the importance of the work, and their care in its fulfilment. The King will have to determine on what is to be done, so as to provide for necessary safety without needless charge.

Oct. 3. Whitehall. 14. Lord Pres. Mandeville to the Same. Has summoned the Virginia Company for Monday. The rules are made and proclamation drawn up for the mines, and Sir Hugh Middleton summoned to attend. Lord Carew has prepared a report on the quantity of ordnance that can be made in the kingdom, on what is required, and on what might be sold for the King's profit. The imposition on hops is ordered to be removed, or equalized with that laid on by the strangers. The proposal to wear calico instead of lawns is to be considered when the Prince returns. The City has given an account of proceedings in clearing the Thames. The Attorney General is to give in the names of offenders against the proclamations for residing in the country, and for refraining from the use of four-wheeled carts. Irish affairs.

Oct. 4. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To send word what is done about the sermon preached at Hampton Court. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 87.]

Oct. 4. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King approves his care, and desires him to see the business pursued to an end. Also to attend to execution of the orders for cleansing the river [Thames] and not to lay the Irish business upon the Lord Treasurer, but to determine it at Council. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 4. Royston. The Same to the Same. To give order for repairing the highways. [*Ibid, p.* 88.]

Oct. 4. Saturday, Rye. 15. Ma. Thomas to Lord Zouch. Forwards two pig porpoises caught by some fishermen; they are the first he has met with since he received his Lordship's commission.

Oct. 5. Royston. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To despatch the business of the Earl of Carlisle, which is in his hands. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 88.]

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Oct. 5. Royston. The Same to Sec. Calvert. To write to Sir Edw. Herbert, and deal with the French Ambassador here, to procure permission for the Duke of Bouillon to come over and settle an estate which he has in England. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 5. London. 16. Anne Lady Walter to Sec. Conway. Requests the King's letters mandatory to the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge, to elect John Littleton, her husband's nephew, a Fellow. He was designed by Lady Bromley, benefactress of that College, as her first scholar, the place was promised him, and the King wrote in his behalf, but the promise was only to bring him in at a general election, and as one will not take place this year as expected, and he will be too old next year, he is in danger of losing it, unless His Majesty sends letters mandatory for his particular election.

Oct. 6. 17. Testimony of Sir Edw. Rodney and Sir Thos. Hughes, that Robt. Powell spoke against John Lund and Wm. Evans as unfit to be joint referees with them in a certain case, being interested parties.

Oct. 6. Wells. 18. Sir Edw. Rodney, Sir Thos. Hughes, John Lund, and Wm. Evans, to the Council. Met at Wells on the reference ordered by their Lordships, but fourteen of the parties cited refused to answer before them, and wished to be summoned before Council. Recommend that meanwhile the lead and ore already landed be sequestered, and the working of the three grooves suspended.

Oct. 6. Happy Entrance. 19. Sir Rich. Bingley to Sec. Conway. A London vessel which fell in with the fleet near Portland was told that the Prince was there and well, and would land the next day in the Isle of Wight.

Oct. 6. Whitehall. 20. The Council to the King. Have examined Dr. Whiting on his recent sermon at Hampton Court, and found him penitent and submissive; yet, as his offence requires exemplary justice, have committed him, although the happy return of the Prince makes this day more fit for grace and gladness.

Oct. 6. St. Martin's Lane. 21. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. The joy for the happy arrival of the Prince is damped by the King's indisposition. Does not understand what is meant by the settling of the Duke of Bouillon's estate in England, which is to be urged as a reason for his coming over. Difference between the English and French Ambassadors at Constantinople.

Oct. 7. St. Martin's Lane. 22. The Same to [the Same]. The bonfires [on return of the Prince] might have hazarded the burning of the streets, had they not been well allayed with London liquor. Rejoices at the King's improved health.

Oct. 7. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To prepare and put in immediate execution the order for enlarging priests. To acquaint the Spanish Ambassadors with the King's mindfulness therein, and to suggest to them that the opportunity is fitting for them to request the liberty of the minister who is confined for a sermon at Hampton Court, but who will be suspended from preaching. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 88.]

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Oct. 8. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To furnish moneys at once for the expenses of the Spanish Ambassadors, travelling from London to Royston to visit the Prince. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 8. Royston. The Same to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To forbear the appearance of Mrs. Shute, and all proceedings against her, until the King's pleasure be further known. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 8. 23. Sir Clement Throckmorton, Sir Barth. Hale, and Rich. Chamberlain, to the Council. Have examined the differences between Matthew Collins and other citizens of Norwich, and John Briggs and others, farmers of Bedworth coal mines, and decided that the farmers shall not bore any holes which might endanger flooding the mines of the citizens, but shall be paid for damages incurred by the citizens running coal water through their mowing grounds.

Oct. 9. Tower. 24. Sir Allan Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower, to the Same. The prisoners remaining in his charge are, the Earl of Oxford, committed 17 months ago, for causes best known to their Lordships; Countess of Shrewsbury, five years ago, for Star-chamber offences; Sir Cormack O'Neale, the Earl of Tyrone's brother, 17 years ago, for offences best known to Lords Grandison, Carew, and Chichester; Sir Neale O'Donnell, *alias* Garry, 14 years ago, a good subject during the late reign; Neal O'Donnell, his son, at the same time; Con O'Neale, Tyrone's son, taken from school and sent thither in Aug. 1622; and Bryan O'Rourke, transferred from the Gatehouse, Feb. 1623, offence not known.

Oct. 9. 25. Certificate by George Reynell, Marshal of the King's Bench, of the prisoners in his charge. Sir John Webb, for debts to the King; Edw. Kinsman, and five others, for non-attendance at church; Bernardino Pippi, for refusing the oath of allegiance; John Lambe, for sorcery on Lord Windsor; John Peters, Wm. Gryme, John Worley, for felony and murder; and Ellis Bristow, for letting go a seminary priest.

Oct. 9. 26. Aquila Wykes [Keeper of the Gatehouse prison] to the Same. The prisoners now in his hands on the King's charge are, Pat. Morton, a Scot, committed eight years ago, and John Baynard, six years ago, for treason; Thos. Russell, for words against the King; Edw. Walley, John Knight, Thos. Whitgift, and Wm. Lithgow, for causes unknown; John Sweet, a Romish priest, is committed, but not allowed to be on the King's charge. Is in arrear 2,000*l.* for these and other prisoners now discharged. Pays a high rent for the prison, and has but a small allowance. Begs their mediation with the Lord Treasurer for his speedy payment, to prevent his utter ruin.

Oct. 9. Marshalsea. 27. Thos. More [Keeper of the Marshalsea prison] to the Same. The prisoners committed by King or Council are delivered; those committed by the officers of the household are, Nich. Webling, brewer, for refusing to pay the groat tax; Chris. Snowdon, for stealing the King's plate; Charles Murray and John Barlow, for murder.

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Oct. 9. Inner Temple. 28. Sir Thos. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Will further the desires of the town of Evesham when they are made known. Sir Wm. St. Ravie's bill is sealed and delivered to Mr. Mainwaring.

Oct. 9. [Royston.] 29. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Robt. Halfheid, keeper of the game about Royston, petitioned the King for the ending of a suit between his father and Rich. Turpin, who detains from him some land for which half the purchase money has been paid. His Majesty requires that the case should receive speedy conclusion, and wishes to be certified of the performance of his directions.

Oct. 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 89.]

Oct. 9. [Royston.] 30. [The Same] to Lord Denney. The King orders the keeper of the correction house and his servant, who allowed the deer-stealers to escape, to be punished as warranted by law, and his Lordship to be assisted in recovering the fugitives. *Incloses,*

30. 1. [*The Same*] *to Att. Gen. Coventry. Two under keepers of Lord Denney, deerstealers, committed by him to Chelmsford gaol, have escaped through the wilfulness or carelessness of the gaol keeper or his servant, against whom the King commands proceedings to be taken, &c. Oct.* 9.

Oct. 9. Minute of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 89.]

Oct. 9. Royston. 31. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. Ecstasy of joy on the Prince's return, which has cured the King. The embraces and familiarities between him, the Prince, and Buckingham, are just the same as though they had not been an hour absent. His Majesty wishes a private despatch for the Earl of Bristol and Sir Walter Aston to be hastened away. Returns Bristol's letters and other documents.

Oct. 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 88.]

Oct. 10. Royston. The Same to Sir Dud. Carleton. The "brave Prince" is returned home "bettered in his judgment," and in knowledge of Spanish ways. The lady is "by his Highness preferred before all other women, yet not before all other considerations." The conditions are almost concluded, and it is thought the restitution of the Palatinate and Electorate will be granted, the King and Prince being "constantly resolved" on it. The Prince and Duke spent three hours with the King, with as much freedom and love as ever. [*Holl. Corresp., Art.* 10, 1623.]

Oct. 10. Royston. 32. D. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Buckingham declares his good will for Carleton, but is so deeply pledged to Sir Wm. Beecher for Eton College that he cannot give it to any one else, unless Beecher can be otherwise satisfied. The marriage goes on just as before the Prince went to Spain; it is to be consummated by proxy before Christmas, and the Infanta to come in March.

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Oct. 10. Chiswick. 33. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Has been applied to in favour of Lewis Pollard, nominated by Lord Russell as a Deputy Lieutenant for Devonshire. *Incloses,*

33. 1. *Fras. Lord Russell to Lord Chichester. Requests him to speak to the King to make Lewis Pollard, junior, a Deputy Lieutenant of Devonshire. Tavistock, Sept.* 24.

Oct. 10. East Retford. 34. Commissioners of Musters for Nottinghamshire to the Council. Have held the musters, supplied the defects of men and arms in the trained bands, and ordered their frequent exercising. The horse cannot be completed, the lords before charged now showing none, and the gentry being much decayed, and having sold their estates to Londoners.

[Oct. 10.] Abstract of the above, with statement of the arms, ammunition, &c. of the county. [*Dom. Corresp., April* 24, 1624.]

Oct. 10. Royston. 35. Sec. Conway to his son, Sir Edw. Conway, junior. Thinks he would do well to express to Mr. Porter his joy at the return of the Prince and Duke. Private affairs. Wishes him to come over to look after his business, when the army is in garrison.

Oct. ? 36. Declaration by the creditors of Sir Edw. Conway the [younger], that as he wishes to return to England for settlement of his affairs, they covenant that for six months he shall be free from arrest for debt.

Oct. 10. [Royston.] 37. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Begs on behalf of Sir Fras. Popham, whose eldest son has married his daughter, that an injunction may be removed, and leave given for inquiry in the Court of Orphans on behalf of Mrs. Popham's child. On proof of the real state of things, will mediate between the parties, who are too nearly allied for suits and contentions.

Oct. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 90.]

Oct. 10. Westminster College. 38. Lord Keeper Lincoln to [Sec. Conway]. Has seen the Spanish Ambassadors. Don Carlos was glad of the release of the priests, but Inijosa claimed the King's promise of a pardon, on the return of the Prince. Told him it would be accomplished; he extolled His Majesty's careful performance of his promises, but feared the slackness of his ministers; he consented, though with difficulty, to number Dr. Whiting amongst the priests to be enlarged. Acknowledges his own offence in venturing to defer writing letters to the Bishops, Judges, and Justices of the Peace, for suspension of the penal laws against recusants, the people being so much opposed thereto, and perplexed by the absence of the Prince. Will do it at once, now that the Prince has returned. Begs that Buckingham may be present when the King is informed of the delay, which was done for furtherance of His Majesty's best service. Rejoices at the Duke's safe return and gracious reception. Wishes to have a hand in disposing of a Welsh bishopric which is vacant in the country where he was born. The Bp. of London is ordered to keep Dr. Whiting from preaching until the King's pleasure is further known.

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Oct. 11. Royston. 39. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King approves the detention of the letters to the Bishops and Justices [about Catholics] until complaints are made, or until some proceeding on the other side should cause another step forward. Buckingham much esteems his Lordship. Absence has not lessened the Duke's favour with the King, and he and the Prince agree as though they were but one. The Spanish Ambassador requests the liberation from prison of Dr. Whiting, but the King commands him to abstain from preaching during pleasure. Has not had time to speak to Buckingham about the Welsh bishopric.

Oct. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 90.]

Oct. 11. Royston. 40. The Same to Sir John Suckling. The King has referred to the Commissioners for Trade the petition for incorporation of those who use the hot press in and about London, and desires that special care may be given to the expedition of the business.

Oct. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 90.]

Oct. 11. Royston. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To pay at once 300*l.*, part of Mr. Trumbull's arrears, to his servant, John Woolley, who is to be employed in some secret service of consequence. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

[Oct.] 11. Whitehall. 41. Lord Chamb. Pembroke to Sec. Conway. The new Spanish Ambassador, Don Diego de Mendoza, has come to town. He does not request an audience till the King's return to Royston, but the other two set forward to-morrow, and hope for one on Monday. They say that since the Prince's departure, Spain has given her King 70 millions of crowns as a present.

Oct. 11. London. 42. Geo. Gage to [the Same]. Begs a Privy Seal, long since promised, for repayment of 250*l.* which he spent in Italy on the King's service.

Oct. 11. Trinity House, Ratcliffe. 43. Masters of the Trinity House to Buckingham. The owners of the ship Adventure, of Ipswich, now in the Thames, desire his warrant for taking in certain pieces of ordnance which are fitting for her defence.

Oct. 11. London. 44. Chamberlain to Carleton. The Prince was 17 days at sea, during which he ended a fray between the Dunkirkers and Hollanders. He landed at Portsmouth on Sunday afternoon [Oct. 5], slept at Lord Annandale's, near Guildford, reached York House at eight next morning, met the Council, and, refusing the Spanish Ambassadors' unreasonable demand of an audience, went on to Royston. Great joy amongst all classes. The streets were spread with tables of provision, hogsheads of wine, butts of sack, and bonfires, all along his road. At Blackheath 40 loads of wood were burnt at one fire, and the people were so mad with joy, that if they met a wood cart, they took out the horse and set wood and cart on fire. A solemn service was held at St. Paul's, where the 114th psalm was sung. The Prince reprieved some condemned prisoners whom he met on their way to Tyburn. At Royston, the King coming down to

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receive them, the Prince and Duke met on the stairs, when they fell on their knees and all wept together. A post was sent off for the Duchess and Countess of Buckingham and Lady Denbigh. Matters are still so secret that none know what to think of the match. The King, when last in town, talked an hour alone with the Spanish Ambassadors. The Prince, when he left Spain, gave away 12,000*l.* to the officers who had attended him, besides jewels of great value to the King, Queen, Infanta, and Court. Buckingham's conduct there was brave and resolute, but he parted on ill terms with Olivarez, and Lord Bristol declares that, but for his impatience, the marriage would have been completed before Christmas. Sir Fras. Cottington is left behind ill; he is out of favour, and likely to be discarded from the Prince's service. Tobie Matthew has returned with the Prince. He was so vexed with encounters in Spain with Archie [the fool] that once at dinner he left the table. Sends a bitter rhyme against the Dean of Christ Church, for his flattering verses sent to Spain.

Oct. 12. Bidstone. 45. Earl of Derby to the Council. His Deputy Lieutenants have used all diligence about the musters in Lancashire, Cheshire, and Chester.

[Oct. 12.] Abstract of the above, with statement of the arms, powder, &c., in the county. [*Dom. Corresp., April* 24, 1624.]

Oct. 12. St. Sebastian's. 46. Prestwick Eaton to his sister Ann Eaton. Regrets their father's lack of care for them, and will not let her want anything.

Oct. 12. St. Martin's Lane. 47. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Repeats his request for information about the Duke of Bouillon's estates in England. Sends Mr. Trumbull's proposals concerning the reception, &c., of Don Diego de Mexia, the Infanta's Ambassador.

Oct. 13. Royston. 48. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Leave is to be obtained from the French King for M. du Moulin, now at Sedan, to come to England, to settle the deaneries bestowed on him by the King, and to remain or not, as he pleases. The former directions thereon [for the Duke of Bouillon] were by mistake.

Oct. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 90.]

Oct. 13. St. Martin's Lane. 49. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends a letter for the Earl of Desmond, left by the steward of the Venetian Ambassador.

Oct. 13. 50. Mayor, &c., of Evesham to the Same. On renewal of their charter, a fresh rent of 20 marks, in addition to the old rent of 20 marks, was inserted by mistake, and a grant thereof being obtained from the King, they have been obliged to pay 220*l.* thereon. The present grantee being ill, beg favour in their petition to his Majesty that he will not make another grant thereof.

Oct. 14. Lease by the Commissioners [for Defective Titles] to James Colling and others, of divers messuages, lands, &c., in the manor of Ravensworth, co. York, value 13*l.* 11*s.* per annum, on a fine of 150*l.* [*Docquet.*]

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Oct. 14. Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street. 51. Sir John Denham to the Council. Has failed in endeavouring to persuade Sir John Rhodes to settle an allowance and some property on John Rhodes, his eldest son by his first marriage, Sir John alleging that he has already given land, coal mines, &c., of value, in trust to him and others, and received no satisfactory account of them.

Oct 14. [Royston.] 52. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chichester. The King is pleased, at request of his Lordship and Lord Russell, that Mr. Pollard be made a Deputy Lieutenant. *Incloses,*

52. 1. [*The Same*] *to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Lewis Pollard, jun., is to be made one of the Deputy Lieutenants of Devonshire, at request of Lord Russell, Lieutenant, and also of Lord Chichester, whose relative he is. Oct.* 14.

Oct. 14. Minute of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 91.]

Oct. 14. Royston. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To proceed in the business for repairing the forts, and also to hasten the general pardon, and give an account of it. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 90.]

Oct. 14. Royston. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To draw an advowson of the parsonage of Wigan, in Lancashire, for the use of Sir Rich. Fleetwood. [*Ibid, p.* 91.]

Oct. 15. Royston. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Recommends to him the settling of the business of Sutton and Gedney Marshes, Lincolnshire. [*Ibid*]

Oct. 15. Royston. The Same to the Bp. of Coventry and Lichfield. Thanks for favour to Mr. Balconquall. The King and Prince accept gratefully his affection in presenting the Prince with a horse. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 15. 53. Sir Rich. Harrison to Carleton. On his purchase from Carleton of a house in Seething Lane, will give a bond for the 100*l.*, and pay it when directed.

Oct. 16. 54. The King to Earl Marshal Arundel. Commends his cautious proceeding in the case of Sir Thos. Harris, Baronet. He is to decide it in the Earl Marshal's Court, if it be further prosecuted. None are intended to be made baronets, unless descended from at least a grandfather who was a gentleman; and if any others have been so promoted, they are to be judicially degraded.

Oct. 16. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To dispatch the suit of Dr. Chambers, concerning moneys fraudulently detained from the King, or to give his opinion thereon. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 91.]

Oct. 16. Royston. The Same to the Same. Concerning Mr. Kirkham's suit on bonds for iron ordnance. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 16. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To provide a jewel as a present from the King to Sir Wm. St. Ravie; and to cause a patent to be drawn out for him of a pension of 200*l.* per annum, 100*l.* of which is to be paid forthwith. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 91.]

Oct. [16]. Inner Temple. 55. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Unless Sir W. St. Ravie be made a free denizen before the warrant for his pension pass the seal, it may be legally resumed.

Oct. 16. Royston. Sec. Conway to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. On the sending of shipping and coaches to meet the Ambassador from Brussels. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 92.]

Oct. 16. Royston. 56. [The Same] to Sir Oliver Cromwell. The King wishes him to have as many pheasants as possible killed in the outwoods, and sent to Hinchinbrook, but none by any means to be killed in the park.

Oct. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 92.]

Oct. 16. [Royston.] 57. [The Same] to the Same. No pheasants are to be killed on the morrow, but only so many as can be killed on Saturday before the King's arrival. [*Minute.*]

Oct. 16. Westminster College. 58. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The Ambassadors returned from Royston highly extol the King's treatment of them; they like that of the Prince, and speak not amiss of the Duke's. Sends a ring tendered to the King, according to custom, by the newly created serjeants of the Court of Chancery. Sends also his speech to them, His Majesty being pleased to cast an eye on such toys. "Is, as all the world knows, a creature of the Kinge's makinge and shapinge wholye." *Incloses,*

58. 1. *Speech of the Lord Keeper to the newly appointed Serjeants-at-Law, being a disquisition on the origin, nature, and duties of their office.*

Oct. [16]. Dover. 59. Lord Zouch to the Same. Asks if he shall obey a writ for release of Everard, a Jesuit, prisoner by the King's command, who was before liberated, to be sent over at the suit of the late Spanish Ambassador, which writ stipulates for a bond to be taken for his personal appearance at the Crown Office.

Oct. 16. London. 60. John Hanger and others, part owners of the Zouch Phœnix, to Lord Zouch. Refrained from complaints against Rich. Dove, knowing his Lordship's regard for him, but the repeated losses occasioned by his negligence prevent their continuing him in their service, as desired. His Lordship has already his share of the past voyages; hope the next will be more profitable.

Oct. 16. 61. Robt. Tanfield to Lord Zouch. The Attorney General says that the insertion of the right of advowsons in the grants of leases of wards is only a matter of form, to prevent the Lord Chancellor from giving presentations thereof; and a bond is usually taken that the guardians of wards shall present none without consent of the Master of the Wards. The Lord Treasurer [also Master of the

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Wards] expresses regret at opposing his Lordship, but cannot undo what he has done, unless compelled by law. Doubts not his Lordship's title, but fears that in equity a decision might be given against him. Has prepared the answer to Mr. Lane's bill.

Oct. 16. Serjeants' Inn. 62. Matthew de Quester to Sec. Conway. Forwards a packet by special post, the City posts objecting to take packets to Court, without a note under Conway's hand.

Oct. 17. Royston. Sec. Conway to [Mat.] de Quester. To send to him from time to time such letters as may arrive, directed to him. With note to the postmaster in London to receive and convey all such letters. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 92.]

Oct. 17. Royston. The Same to the Earl Marshal. Returns the King's letter signed about Baronets, and particularly Sir [Thos.] Harris of Shropshire. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 17. Royston. 63. The King to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Desires the Commissioners of Trade to digest and perfect their report, and prepare it to be submitted to him at his next coming to Westminster.

Oct. 17. Chelsea. 64. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Has directed the making of the jewel, and grant of the pension for Sir W. St. Ravie. Has prepared fully for the pardons, and given order for payment of 500*l.* to Mr. Trumbull. The report of the Commissioners for the Survey of Forts will show it to be high time that that business was undertaken. Is overwhelmed by the many pressing demands for money; begs that as many as possible may be put aside.

Oct. 17. Chelsea. 65. The Same to the Same. Sends a draft of the proclamation for pardons, and the bill for Sir Wm. St. Ravie's pension. *Incloses,*

65. 1. *Att. Gen. Coventry to* [*Lord Treas. Middlesex*]. *The pardoning of old debts due to the Crown before* 31 *Eliz. will so far affect those to whom grants of particular debts have been made, that they will have to sue for them in their own names, and not in that of the King; but those to whom grants of certain sums out of old debts have been made will lose them altogether, the debts being discharged by the pardon. Does not think the patentees can claim any legal compensation, but knows not what His Majesty may do for his own honour, in particular cases. Inner Temple, Oct.* 16.

Oct. 17. St. Martin's Lane. 66. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends letters from Mr. Trumbull, the Infanta, the Spanish Ambassadors, and Sir Thos. Roe.

Oct. 17. 67. Lord Pres. Mandeville to the Same. Has ordered repair of the highways where the King passes, and punishment of those who failed to attend to it sooner. Has explained to the Virginia Company that His Majesty's intention is to change the form of their government and manner of the plantation, but not to interfere with private interests. They declared themselves unable to decide whether they would surrender their Patent, till their next quarterly court meets on Nov. 19. The Lords have peremptorily ordered a reply by Monday next, when, if they do not surrender the Patent, the Attorney General will take steps to revoke it.

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Oct. 17. Westminster. 68. Abm. Williams to Sec. Conway. Sends four Privy Seals for the King and Queen of Bohemia. Solicits for himself and his brother Charles the office of Keeper of the Game at Wimbledon, being anxious to breed wild ducks in his own fishponds there, but hindered by their being shot. Has compounded with Vincent Glover, the present keeper, for his Patent, but the King's leave is required.

Oct. 17. Westminster. 69. The Same to [Wm. Chesterman]. To remind Sec. Conway of his request. If the King will grant it, Conway must send a note therefor, in form specified, to the Clerk of the Signet, who will draw up the bill.

[Oct. 17.] 70. Petition of the Stationers' Company to Council. Have compounded with former patentees for the sole printing of all psalters, psalms, primers, and almanacks; obtained a grant of the same on condition of distributing 200*l.* yearly amongst their poor. Notwithstanding a Star Chamber decree of six months' imprisonment and confiscation of all books printed against Patent, Cantrell Legg, printer to the University of Cambridge, two years ago printed certain grammars, for which there was a Patent, and by favour was allowed to sell them, but forbidden to print any more; yet he now prints both the said grammars and psalm books in different sizes. Requests the seizure of his books, and his punishment.

Oct. 17? 71. Digest of the principal part of the above petition, with complaint that Legg still prints the A B C, and Pond's Almanack, which the Company seize wherever they meet with them, and request that the University may not prejudice the King against the Company, but that the case may be referred to Council.

Oct. 18. 72. Rich. Vaus to Nicholas. Being imprisoned on Sir Robt. Stewart's business, begs Lord Zouch's interest in his behalf, and also the prosecution of his petition, from which he hopes to reap advantage.

Oct. 18. Royston. 73. Sec. Conway to Lord [Zouch]. The Prince declares that what Fowler the searcher did was by his own express command. Finding Fowler too diligent a searcher to let him pass unknown, he told him who he was, but forbade him, on his life, to discover him to any one, and ordered him to shut the ports. The Prince wonders at his Lordship's blaming an inferior officer for obeying such commands in so extraordinary a case, and will be displeased if he is further pursued. In case of orders being sent by the King or secretaries to any inferior officer of the Cinque Ports, thereby trenching on his Lordship's office, complaint is to be made to his Majesty, and not those officers blamed for executing such commands. Advises his Lordship to give satisfaction to the Prince.

Oct. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 92.]

Oct. 18. [Royston.] 74. [Sec. Conway] to the Same. Has informed the King that the prisoner for whose liberation a writ was sent to his Lordship is a banished priest, returned again and imprisoned by His Majesty's command. His pleasure is that the man be liberated, on bond for his appearance.

Oct. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 92.]

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Oct. 18. Royston. Sec. Conway to the Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Oxford. On Mr. Littleton's pretences to a Fellowship. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Oct. 18. Royston. The Same to Sec. Calvert. To attend the Spanish Ambassadors with the order about the artillery, and to satisfy them as to the moneys about which they are to write to Spain. Also to prepare the business for the removal of the Merchant Adventurers. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 18. Westminster College. 75. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. [Conway]. Finds in the [Mercurius] Gallo-Belgicus a passage so full of falsehoods and indignities against the King, that, although the author is in despicable esteem, thinks it not well for such discourses to be in the hands of subjects, and has stayed the further publication of the book till its doom be received from court.

Oct. 19. 76. Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. Desires an opportunity to clear himself to his Grace [Buckingham] of false imputations of speaking ill of him. Thanks his Grace for promising to allow him "free and fayre expostulations."

Oct. 19. Hinchinbrook. 77. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Sussex. A rumour has reached court that he makes a boast of the favour which, from regard to his rank and descent, the King has shown him, in pardoning him the errors of frailty which he understood were repented of; advises him to a humble course, for if His Majesty finds that he justifies himself, and does not conduct himself penitently, he will repent of the favour shown him.

Oct. 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 93.]

Oct. 19. Hinchinbrook. The Same to the Countess of Sussex. Showing her the reasons which induced the King to grant the pardon to Mrs. Shute. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Oct. 19. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Lord. Treas. Middlesex. On Sir Wm. St. Ravie's business. All possible pains will be taken to give his Lordship ease in avoiding occasions of expense. The 300*l.* must be paid to Mr. Trumbull's man. The business of repairing the forts, of Sir Hugh Middleton's mines, and the general pardon and proclamation to be forwarded. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 19. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a bill of denization for Sir Wm. St. Ravie. The proclamation for general pardons is approved, and the pardons are to be dispatched; but the Countess of Shrewsbury is not to be included. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 19. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To attend to the affairs of Ireland, the highways, and the Virginia Company. To assist a suit recommended by the King to Council, for a protection to Sir John Michell and his son. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 93.]

Oct. 19. St. Martin's Lane. 78. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Asks what is resolved on about the ship to be sent to Mardike, for conveyance of Don Diego de Mexia. Knows not how the Spanish Ambassadors will take the

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message that the order for the artillery is not yet completed. Thanks for the copy of the letter to Don Carlos; requests information concerning the money mentioned in the Earl of Bristol's letter; not having the temporal articles, cannot understand it.

Oct. 20. St. Martin's Lane. 79. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. The Spanish Ambassadors say the artillery will be of little use unless granted speedily, being wanted by their East Indian fleet, to supply the stores at Ormus formerly spoiled by the English. As to the moneys, if the Earl of Bristol has received a commission to accept the temporal articles, as propounded in Spain, it will be impossible to procure any alteration, but otherwise the Marquis [Inijosa] will do what he can, when he knows clearly what is desired.

Oct. 20. London. 80. Earl of Carlisle to the Same. Wished to have waited on the King at Hinchinbrook, because last year at the same place His Majesty infused into him as much wisdom as might have served for a life, but is prevented by business with the Chancellor of Scotland, and by the payment of money for the King; will attend him at his return to Royston. Has been thrice with the Spanish Ambassadors, but they did not mention the pardon. The new Ambassador, Don Diego de Mendoza, intends to wait on His Majesty at Theobalds, and to take leave at the same time.

Oct. 20. Hinchinbrook. Buckingham to Lord Zouch. Regrets his inability to accept into his service the gentleman recommended by his Lordship, having already so many gentlemen that he rather wishes to disburden himself of some than to entertain others. [*Dom. Corresp., Nov.* 25, 1623.]

Oct. 20. Weybridge. 81. Sir Rich. Younge to [the Same]. "Welcome home" is still the only business at Court. The King and Prince are gone to Hinchinbrook, and thence return to Royston, Theobalds, and London. They and Buckingham are demanding the restoration of the Palatinate, as a condition of the Spanish match. The Spanish Ambassadors, when at Royston, were displeased at some preference shown to the French Ambassador. Sir Hen. Mainwaring has persuaded the Prince that his Lordship has wronged him, but Lord Carlisle said it was injurious to believe such a man against "an ancient baron, grave counsellor, and religious, well-deserving gentleman" like Lord Zouch; and Sir Edw. Zouch asserts that Mainwaring's removal was no result of spleen on account of his late employment, but of his own negligent carriage. Sir Hen. Mildmay was suspended from office for speaking against the Lord Treasurer, but has made his peace, and is restored, having "learned wit at an easy rate."

Oct. 20. London. 82. Sir Edw. Zouch to the Same. The Prince and Duke are informed of his Lordship's reasons for displacing Sir Harry Mainwaring, but the latter undertakes to answer them, and to procure all the gentlemen of Kent and Dover to certify for him. Told the Duke, if Mainwaring persisted in such courses, Lord Zouch would be compelled to expose his ill conduct more than he desired; that he only sought to do the King service, and would leave the place if he might

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have 1000*l.* a year, which was its value. The Duke thought it was only worth 500*l.* Will try to influence all the judges in his Lordship's cause.

Oct. 20. Sandwich. 83. Mayor of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Sends up Daniel Van der Speye, as promised, and will inform his Lordship in due time what his counsel advise touching the writ.

Oct. 21. London. 84. Sir Geo. Hastings to the Same. Has examined certain writings at the Barbican, but failed to find the deeds relating to his mother's estate, or the land which he bought, for want of which the bargain with Lord Hobart cannot be concluded.

Oct. 21. St. Martin's Lane. 85. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Incloses a letter for the Prince, brought by Ribas, the Spanish Post.

Oct. 23. London. 86. Sir Fras. Goodwin to Carleton. Requests him to forward a letter and 10*l.* to his son at Arnheim. The Countess of Bedford is ill of the gout.

Oct. 23. 87. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. Sends a Privy Seal for a grant to Walter Briscoe of the Office of Marshal of the Ceremonies, to take up coaches, post horses, lodgings for Ambassadors, &c., in place of Wm. Marsh, lately deceased; wishes despatch, that he may fulfil his office in the great service now at hand. The Ambassador from Brussels is expected on All Saints' Day.

Oct. 23. 88. Copy of the above.

Oct. 23. 89. John Thorogood to the Mayor of Sandwich. Sends to him thirteen men, who have landed at Deal; the other Commissioners for Passage being ill or absent, cannot and dare not give them the oath of allegiance.

Oct. 23. London. 90. Deodatus Staverton to Lord Zouch. Sir Thos. Drew at first asked 3,000*l.* for purchase of Odiham, but is brought down to 2,200*l.* He says it is worth 300*l.* a year now, and 100*l.* more after five years, when Sir Edw. More's term of fines expires. This, at the usual course of buying, which is six years' purchase, would come to 2,100*l.*

Oct. 24. Rye. 91. Mayor and Jurats of Rye to the Same. Request the continuance of their lecture. Mr. Whittaker, Curate to Briant Twyne, will not suffer the lecturer, Mr. Warren, to go into the church.

Oct. 24. Newcastle. 92. John Greenhead to Sir John Wolstenholme and others [farmers of customs]. Discovered that Sir Wm. Grey, of Chillingham, Northumberland, had transported some wool to Scotland without paying customs, and was about to transport more; assembled men and seized what remained, marking it with the broad arrow, as seized for the King, but the people near, being Grey's tenants, refused to find horses to carry it away; went to Berwick to provide them, and meanwhile the wool was taken into Sir William's castle of Werke, the rude multitude being willing to hazard their lives to obey their master. Hopes some course may be taken for redress.

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Oct. 24. Hinchinbrook. 93. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Sir Fras. Cottington is expected to bring the conclusion of the temporal articles. No information has come about the moneys for the portion, except what was in Lord Bristol's letter. The Ambassadors shall have a decision about the ordnance when the King returns to town. Sir Rich. Bingley will go with his ship to Calais to meet the [Infanta's] Ambassador, but not to Mardike. Buckingham has been unwell at Burghley, and the King has pain in his arm and foot.

Oct. 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 94.]

Oct. 24. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To proceed against Fras. Michell for a slanderous book written by him. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 93.]

Oct. 25. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King is pleased with the good temper the Ambassadors were in, and approves his Lordship's proceedings. The Duke also favours him. Has delivered to His Majesty the Serjeants' ring and his Lordship's speech, as also his remembrances to the Duke and Duchess. [*Ibid, p.* 94.]

Oct. 25. Hinchinbrook. The Same to the Same. The journey to Burghley. [Mercurius] Gallo-Belgicus is to be restrained. The removal is prevented by the King's indisposition. Sir Giles Bray is to be kept out of the bill of Sheriffs. [*Ibid*].

Oct. 25. Chelsea. 94. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his wish to restore a good understanding between the Duke [of Buckingham] and himself. Is much indebted to the Duke, and has left nothing undone to express his friendship, but is grieved that his Grace is causelessly jealous of him, and condemns him unheard, without letting him know what he is charged with.

Oct. 25. St. Martin's Lane. 95. Sec. Calvert to the Same. Forwards letters received from Constantinople, showing the great changes lately taken place in the governors of that empire; also from Mich. Branthwait, left agent by Sir Hen. Wotton at Venice; and from M. Bachoffen.

Oct. 25. Whitehall. 96. Lord Steward Richmond and Sir John Suckling [Comptroller of the Household] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Urge speedy payment of 611*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* still due to Sir Simon Harvey, who so well performed the service of dieting Marquis Inijosa; he made the engagement at a low rate of prices, being promised money beforehand, and his creditors are importunate for payment.

Oct. 25. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 97. [Officers of the Customs] to the Council. The most experienced mariners of the town declare that the light at Lizard Point is needless, and rather dangerous than profitable; in hazy weather it cannot be seen, and in clear weather the land can be seen, but it may help to conduct enemies and pirates to the coast. The contribution of ½*d.* per ton at this port would yield about 20*l.* per annum.

Oct. 25. London. 98. Chamberlain to Carleton. The new serjeants' feast was honoured with the presence of the French, Venetian, and States' Ambassadors. The latter are 15 in number, but inferior in ability. They went to Westminster in the rain, bareheaded; thence to St. Paul's, to the sermon; after which their feast, though magnificent, was dis-

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orderly. The poet Owen's monument in St. Paul's begins to serve for a pasquin to any merry or malicious man, being thought an honour far above his merits. Odd rhymes, &c., are daily fastened on it. Tobie Matthew has been knighted. Sir Edw. Herbert is out of favour at the French Court, and they wish his removal. A general pardon is about to be issued, and is thought the forerunner of a parliament. Talk of the two Dukes going over to christen the Queen of Bohemia's son. The King is expected in London, when Buckingham intends to feast the Spanish Ambassador at York House, but rather "pro formâ" than "ex animo." The courtiers who were in Spain complain of coarse entertainment, and of finding "nothing but penurie and prowde beggarie;" even the Catholics complain of Gondomar, who was their idol when in England, so that the nations are more disjointed than before, and good is done to religion by the laying open of the gross ignorance and superstition of the people, even of those who pretend to learning.

[Oct.] 25. London. 99. Dud. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Particulars of conversations on the Provostship of Eton College. Sir Wm. Beecher absolutely refuses Carleton's offers of a compromise, the place being so often promised him, both by the King and Buckingham. There are yet only conjectures how things will go on, all being smothered in silence; but the Spanish Ambassadors were slighted when at Royston, of which they are very sensible. Mendoza has not yet appeared at Court. M. Van Male has returned to England as Ambassador, being now made Master of the Finances. Burlamachi's business of the ordnance is forward, and from it is to be raised money for the King and Queen of Bohemia.

Oct. 25. Sandwich. 100. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Will follow his directions about the two Popish prisoners and their relics. The town requests his acceptance of a present sent by the bearer, in acknowledgment of his multiplied favours.

Oct. 25. Hackney. 101. Frances Lady Willoughby to the Same. Intreats him not to set his hand to a certificate which her brother, Sir George Manners, intends to offer him, as one of her commissioners, to prove that his accounts are good and sufficient. He wishes to obtain it to cover his dishonest dealings. Begs his favour with the Lord Treasurer and Court of Wards in her behalf. *Incloses,*

101. I. [*Substance of a letter requested to be written by Lord Zouch to Lord Treas. Middlesex, in the behalf of Lady Willoughby*]. *That the accounts given in by Beresford and Smith are very imperfect, founded only on Sir George Manners' statements, excepted against by Lady Willoughby, and inadmissible without wrong to the ward.*

Oct. 26. Hackney. 102. Robt. Middlemore to the Same. Necessity of his coming to town, to answer some scandalous suggestions made against him. Lady Willoughby has been twice in person in the Court of Wards, to confront her brother Sir Geo. Manners, and has overthrown the last commission. Sir George has grown shameless in evil, and uses any devices to bring his ends to pass.

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Oct. 26. St. Martin's Lane. 103. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. The gallery used as a chapel in the French Ambassador's house at Blackfriars fell down suddenly in service time, and the preacher and 60 persons or more were killed. The Ambassador was not present. Has ordered the Recorder to go to drive away the crowds who flock thither, and to offer service, and will pay a visit himself as soon as the press of people is removed. Sir Lewis Lewkenor is in great perplexity because Lord Andover has not sent him a warrant for a coach of the Prince to meet the Infanta's Ambassador. The Ambassadors object to Sir Rich. Bingley's going to Calais for Don Diego de Mexia, and urge his being sent for to Mardike, if it may be done with safety.

Oct. 27. Hackney. 104. Hen. Banister to Lord Zouch. The young Countess of Warwick is dangerously ill. Sir George Goring is to be Knight Marshal, and Sir Edw. Zouch a Lord of the Bedchamber. A house, formerly Lord Hunsdon's, in Blackfriars, fell on Sunday last, when a number of Papists were assembled to hear Mass. A priest, formerly a Protestant, who preached, and 80 other persons, were killed.

Oct. 27. 105. Caspar Nicerenius, minister, and Peter Morard, elder of the Dutch congregation at Sandwich, to the Same. Certify that Daniel Van der Speye, a member of their congregation, was never excommunicated nor kept from the sacrament, as accused.

Oct. 27. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Visct. St. Albans. Concerning his own business about Eton, and a gentleman recommended by him for the reversion of the place of sword-bearer of London. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 94.]

Oct. 27. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Sir Fras. Cottington. He is to visit the Spanish Ambassador, Don Diego de Mendoza, from the Prince. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To acquaint the Spanish Ambassadors that the King is detained at Hinchinbrook by indisposition. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 28. 106. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King inquires on what grounds the Cambridge men are forbidden by Council to print certain books, and those already printed are seized, as he wishes to show them all royal favour in his power. His Majesty much regrets the accident at the French Ambassador's, wishes him a speedy recovery, and asks the number and names of those that perished. The coach is now sent to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. His Majesty hesitates about sending a ship to Mardike, the Hollanders being so strong at sea. Fears he will be too unwell to remove this week.

Oct. 28. Pool. 107. [Officers of Customs] to the Council. The "discreetest and most capable shipmasters" declare the Lizard lighthouse to be rather burdensome than commodious, the Lizard being so well known. Have received 21*s.* 4*d.* tax for it since Midsummer, chiefly from Newfoundland fishermen, who paid with much grudging. Cannot tell the yearly average, this being the most profitable quarter.

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Oct. 29. 108. John Maynard to Sec. Conway. The French Ambassador thanks the King for His message. The accident happened in a tenement two stories above the Ambassador's wardrobe, the beams giving way and the ceiling breaking in.

[Oct. 30.] Hinchinbrook. 109. Warrant for Thos. Johnson to preserve the game about Newmarket and Royston, which has been much spoiled by poachers and persons of base condition; with authority to seize dogs, guns, nets, &c., used to destroy it.

Oct. 30. Docquet of the above.

Oct. 30. 110. Robt. Tanfield to Lord Zouch. Thinks his cousin Tate's allowance should be 100 marks per ann. whilst he remains in France to learn the language, and 100*l.* when he begins to travel. The estate will leave only 300*l.* towards the debts, after maintenance of the children, Court of Wards' rent, &c.

Oct. 31. 111. Sir Geo. Goring to Carleton. Wishes the hottest Spaniard, surfeited with raw bull's flesh and garlic, may spit in his face, if he fails to serve Carleton. Is ordered to be ready by four in the morning, to attend Buckingham to Huntingdon.

Oct. 31. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. Sends him a letter from the Duke of Wirtemberg, with directions and other papers. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 94.]

[Oct.] 112. Verses [by Sir Hen. Goodere] addressed to the Prince, congratulating his return from Spain, contrasting the deplorable state of the kingdom during his absence with the general joy on his return.

[Oct.] 113. Verses by J. G., addressed to Prince Charles, describing the general joy on his return from Spain. Indorsed are fragmentary verses, vindicating a poetic Dean [Corbett, *see Oct.* 11] from the suspicion of having written certain fulsome and profane verses.

[Oct.] 114. Verses addressed to Buckingham on his return from Spain, congratulating him on dissipating the general fear, and, like the Prince's good genius, bringing him safe home. Though forced by misery to live in retirement, the writer yet knows how to draw a true Englishman.

Oct.? 115. Statement of objections made by Fras. Hardey and Hugh Crabbe, tenants of the manor or prebend of Bemister second, against a decision of the Lord Keeper, in their case *v.* Thos. Coldwell, Prebendary, and Peter Hoskins, farmer of the manor; he adjudged half a year's fine to be paid by tenants on admission, this decision being contrary to former verdicts in the case. Printed.

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Nov. 1. 1. Sir John Michell to the Countess of Buckingham. To move the Duke to procure a hearing of his cause by the Lord Chief Justice

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and other Judges, and end his miseries in Chancery, the Lord Keeper having prejudged his title without hearing his counsel. Also to expedite his son's hearing in the Court of Wards.

Nov. 1. London. 2. Dud. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. The King is detained from London by the gout, but the Prince, Buckingham, and most of the Council have arrived, and are holding, under oath of secrecy, deliberations, which Buckingham hints to be for the good of the Queen of Bohemia. Can give Carleton no hopes of Eton College. A house in the Blackfriars, where Drury, a Jesuit, who had been a Protestant, was preaching a sermon of recantation, fell in, and 90 or 100 Papists were killed; they are buried where they died, the Bp. of London refusing them burial in churchyards. The Prince dislikes a Dutch match, and refuses a Spanish one, without full restoration of the Palatinate and Electorate. A lady wise in those matters declares she sees no symptom of his being in love.

Nov. 1. St. Martin's Lane. 3. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Forwards letters from Sir Dudley Carleton.

Nov. 3. Hinchinbrook. 4. The King to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To pay 400*l.* due to Walter Archbold, as a rate on old debts of the Crown, discovered and brought in by him. Hugh Henn, Page of the Bedchamber, is surety for Archbold, and will in a few days be injured in his own estate, if this money, which is assigned to him for indemnity, be not paid.

Nov. 3. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Sir Hen. Mildmay. Sends him a letter from Buckingham to the Attorney General on his behalf. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

Nov. 3. Hinchinbrook. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a bill joining Robt. Pickford with his father, in the place of keeper of the stables at St. Alban's. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 4. Aldersgate Street. 5. Sir Hen. Mildmay to Sec. Conway. Thanks to him and Buckingham for their continued favours, especially in the present business, which concerns his estate so deeply.

Nov. 4. Hinchinbrook. 6. The King to Sir Walter Covert. His relative, Walter Covert, is obliged to absent himself from the place he holds near His Majesty's person, on account of debts and want of becoming maintenance. Wishes not that one whom he has taken into his affection should wither in his service, and therefore requests Sir Walter to make him a suitable allowance.

Nov. 4. 7. Dr. John Lesly to John Levingston, of the bedchamber. Declines the parsonage of Burmarsh, in Kent, on account of its mean value. Having waited so long, will not accept a gift that would condemn him to eternal poverty, rather than help his studies.

Nov. 4. Royston. 8. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Carlisle and Sec. Calvert. The King has this day removed from Hinchinbrook to Royston, but is weary with his journey, and has pain in his foot. Will let them know when he leaves Royston. Abstract.

Nov. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

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Nov. 4. St. James's. 9. Prince Charles to Lord Zouch. Earnestly requests the restoration of Sir Henry Mainwaring to the Lieutenancy of Dover Castle, Sir Henry having done good service in the journey from Spain.

Nov. 4. Copy of the above. [*Dom. Corresp., Nov.* 25.]

Nov. 5. London. 10. Sir Edw. Zouch to Lord Zouch. Has urged the Judges for his Lordship's business to be heard on Saturday. Sir Harry Mainwaring is at Court, soliciting to be restored to his place, and has procured the Prince's intercession for him. As the Prince is entering into the command of affairs, on account of the King's sickness, suggests to his Lordship to write to him, recapitulating his own long services without recompence, and requesting him to excuse an answer about Mainwaring till he can have an interview with him.

Nov. 5. 11. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln, the Council, and Judges in the Court of Star Chamber. A cause being now before them for misdemeanors of the tenants of the Barony of Kendal, combining to oppose the proclamation for abolishing tenant-right, declares that that proclamation is to extend over Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and the bishopric of Durham; wishes all who combine against it on pretence of their titles, to be punished, and the titles considered, as far as the precedents of the Court permit their dealing therein.

Nov. 5. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. To prepare a letter from the King to the States, concerning the Count of Emden. His Majesty expects an account of the entire surrender of Frankenthal. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

Nov. 6. Hinchinbrook. 12. [The Same] to Sir John Cutts. The King is informed that some Cambridge scholars frequent the parts about Royston with nets, &c., to make spoil of the game; he relies on Sir John's judgment and care to prevent it, as also on the duty and respect of the Vice Chancellor and heads of the University which he has so favoured, to reform these trespasses, as they so nearly concern him.

Nov. 6. Minute of the above. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

Nov. 6. 13. Sir Geo. Goring to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Oxford rejoices that Conway has the contriving of his path to favour. Begs that he be not required to confess what he has already denied, for he will finally persist rather than do so; "monsters and viceroys he hath forsworne, and soe will to the death," but he will beg pardon for all offences, acknowledging that, considering the evidence against him, the King had reason to treat him with rigour, and that any favour proceeds from grace and clemency. The Exeter family are languishing in expectation of the result.

Nov. 6. 14. Note of Capt. Ant. Thorneffe, that he is contented that the command of the Hopewell may be transferred to another. Indorsed, "Ant. Thorneffe denyeth his ship."

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Nov. 8. Saturday. 15. Order in the Exchequer, suspending, for certain special reasons, the payments of recusants due at Michaelmas, till Lady-day next, without peril of forfeitures by the delay.

Nov. 8. Hinchinbrook. Sec. Conway to Sec. Calvert. To excuse the King to the Spanish Ambassadors, for remaining so long away from them, and to say that His Majesty will come to London to them. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

Nov. 8. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln and Lord Treas. Middlesex. To attend the King at Court for the pricking of the sheriffs. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 8. Hinchinbrook. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Recommends a business concerning the town of Evesham, also the grants to Sir Wm. St. Ravie. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 8. Essex House. John Woodford to [Sir Fras. Nethersole]. The English Government begin to open their eyes on the conduct of Spain, but, like a man waked suddenly, cannot yet endure the clear sunshine. Honest men are patiently longing to declare themselves. [*Germ. Corresp., Nov.* 8.]

Nov. 8. 16. Earl of Carlisle to the Same. Thanks for his religious, wise discourse; will use it as occasion serves, without prejudicing him. Honest men will be constant to their own way and their old friends.

Nov. 8. London. 17. Chamberlain to Carleton. Fall of the house in the Blackfriars hired by the Papists, next the French Ambassador's, when they were assembled to celebrate mass and hear Father Drury, a famous Jesuit, preach. Drury, Riddiat another Jesuit, Lady Webb, sister to Sir Lewis Tresham and others, 95 in all, killed. The priests will not have it called a judgment, because people so dying escape purgatory. The barbarous multitude rather railed, and taunted the sufferers than helped them. The dead were buried in two pits behind the house, and black crosses erected, which were taken down by order of Council. A relation of the disaster was printed, but is called in. It is much talked of as happening on Nov. 5, and at the first so solemn assembly of theirs heard of in England for 60 years. Our preachers speak of it temperately and charitably. The French Ambassador has removed to Drury-lane. The King detained at Hinchinbrook by floods and the gout. The Prince, Duke, and Sec. Conway came to St. James's on the 30th, and related to Council the whole business of the match. The Spanish Ambassador who came with the Prince, murmurs at the delay of his audience. Don Diego Mexia is arrived; the people so dislike them all that on Nov. 5, bonfires were made thick to their very gates. Talk of the Spanish match cools daily, but another at Vienna is rumoured. The Prince's safe return is a marvel to all, but a great man told him he might thank God and his sister for it. Old Lady Shrewsbury is freed from the Tower, but is to continue with the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Death of the Earl of Kent and Lord Sandys.

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Nov. 8. 18. Locke to Carleton. Private affairs, settlement of bills, &c.

Nov. 10. London. 19. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. The King is still detained by gout, and Buckingham will not leave him in his unwonted torment; the Duchess and Countess of Buckingham have also been with him ever since the Prince's return. Buckingham is distracted between Sir Wm. Beecher and Carleton's suits for the provostship of Eton. His affection for the Queen of Bohemia's affairs is much increased. Has prevailed to have Sir Rich. Harrison excused from being Sheriff of Berkshire. Buckingham has to feast the Spanish Ambassadors this week, but shows no great alacrity therein; there are now three from Spain and one from the Archduchess, but the two last arrived, Mendoza and Mexia, have not yet had audience. The Earl of Essex has arrived. Sir Jas. Ramsay is at Gravesend, waiting a wind [to sail for Holland].

Nov. 10. [Hinchinbrook.] 20. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sends directions from His Majesty for him to prepare a grant to Mr. Gosnold, the King's servant, and [Mr. Verney], of the whole benefit of a concealed escheat.

Nov. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

Nov. 10. [Hinchinbrook.] 21. [The Same] to the Same. To send Sir Wm. St. Ravie's grants to Lord. Treas. Middlesex, who has orders to forward them to him. [*Minute.*]

Nov. 10. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 95.]

[Nov.] 10. [Theobalds.] 22. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a presentation of Ant. Foxton, to the parsonage of Burmarsh, Kent. No grant is to be allowed to pass of the forfeiture of Peter Smithweek, of Old Cleve, Somersetshire, charged with a foul murder, the King having granted it to Mr. Levingston of the bedchamber, in case he is convicted.

Nov. 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96.]

Nov. 10? 23. Sir Edw. Zouch to Lord Zouch. Sir Harry Mainwaring still defends his actions, and pretends that he was displaced for effecting Buckingham's desires. Commends M. St. Ravie, who was loved by the King, and was brought up in the house of Rohan, whence the Zouches sprang. Sir Thos. Drew is annoyed at being chosen Sheriff for Hampshire. It is hoped the King will forsake the Spanish match. He says little, but the Palatinate sticks in their teeth. The Prince will rather forsake the Infanta than his sister.

Nov. 11. Theobalds. 24. Sir Rich. Younge to The Same. The King is too weak in his limbs to go out of doors, but is well in body. Mendoza, the last Ambassador from Spain, disputes the precedence with the former one. His Majesty will not go to Newmarket, but remain within a day's journey of London.

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Nov. 11. [Whitehall.] 25. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King is anxious to satisfy an enclosed petition of [End.] Porter, but refers it to his Lordship, expecting either a warrant for granting it, or a reason to the contrary. Reminds him whose servant Porter was, and whose he is.

Nov. Minute of the above, dated Nov. 26. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 99.]

Nov. 14. 26. Henry Earl of Kent to the Council. Has taken due care in the muster of the trained bands in Bedfordshire, according to the circular of the Council. Will see that all decayed armour is replaced by modern weapons. The armouries at Bedford, Shefford, and Ampthill are well stored, pioneers and carriages provided, &c. Presents Rich. Gery and Ralph Bromsall, both of good ability, as defaulters, their example much prejudicing the service.

[Nov. 14.] Abstract of the above, with statement of the number of men and arms at the musters, and of the powder, &c. in the county. [*Dom. Corresp., April* 24, 1624.]

Nov. 14. 27. Account, by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, of moneys disbursed by him in the service of the four extraordinary Spanish Ambassadors, Mendoza, Colonna, Inijosa, and Mexia, since Oct. 25 ; total 291*l.* ; with request for its allowance.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Masters of Requests. On behalf of Timothy Smith. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer [of the Chamber], to pay to [Hen.] Davis 60*l.*, for carrying a packet into Spain. [*Ibid., p.* 96*a*]

Nov. 15. London. 28. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Sends such books and ballads as he could collect touching the accident at Blackfriars. A dreadful fire broke out at Sir Wm. Cockayne's, burnt three or four houses, and twelve more were pulled down, amongst which was Lady Raleigh's. Cockayne has lost 10,000*l.*, besides house and furniture, but is little pitied, because of his great wealth and severity, especially in the clothing business, from which all England suffers so much, which was his sole plot and project, and procured him many a curse. Camden Clarenceiux has died, having failed for more than two years. He has left Sir Robt. Cotton most of his books and MSS., but those on heraldry are to go to his successors. The King is at Whitehall, and has given audience to Mendoza. The Prince received him with Spanish gravity, "no more capping nor courtsie." Mexia has also had an audience. Masses said at Ely House for the sufferers at Blackfriars ; all the Spanish Ambassadors were there. Sir Tobie Matthew was a chief mourner. He was present at the late audiences also, where his friend Archy was very gay, in a rich suit given him by Conde Olivarez. Much posting to and from Spain. Sir Wm. Herbert's new house in Surrey burnt down. The Earl of Northumberland has hired Sir Rich. Morrison's house in the Minories, and lives there. He has eight horses to his coach, "to surpass his son Carlisle and the Spanish Ambassador, with his sixe carrion mules." Death of Sir Wm. Hoby, Lady Vere's eldest son.

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Nov. ? 29. Inventory of apparel and other goods belonging to Archy [the fool], including apparel of the Spanish fashion which he had from Gondomar.

Nov. 16. [Whitehall.] 30. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Bird. To favour the rights of his sister, Lady Vere, to the administratorship of her late son, Sir Wm. Hoby, which by law belongs to her.

Nov. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p* 97.]

Nov. 16. [Whitehall.] 31. [The Same] to Serjeant Crew. His wife has an interest in a jointure of 500*l.* a year from the estate of Mr. Fust, her former husband, which is in the Serjeant's hands as trustee for Fust's children. The debts being now paid for which the lands were extended, must enter a suit for the jointure, unless the matter can be compromised by a friendly treaty.

Nov. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 16. [Whitehall.] 32. [The Same] to John Coke. The King wishes a fitting ship to be sent to Rochelle, to fetch away some mules and horses [that came out of Spain] which were left there and taken by a Dutchman, and which the French King has since ordered to be delivered to the owners.

Nov. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. The Same to Mr. Clark. To return to England. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96.]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. Warrant to pay to Sebastian de Riviere 60*l.*, for carrying a packet into Spain. [*Ibid., p.* 96*a.*]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to the Earl of Anglesey of the forest and lands of Chippenham, alias Pewsham, and Blackmore, alias Melksham, co. Wilts. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Aden Parkins, on surrender of Nath. Owen, of the office of Receiver General for cos. Northampton and Rutland. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Edw. Pitt of the office of Teller of the Exchequer, on surrender of his former Patent for the reversion thereof.]*Doequet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant in reversion to John Savile of the office of Teller of the Exchequer, on surrender of his former Patent of reversion. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to John Albertus, a Greek, of licence to have a general collection throughout England for his relief. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Art. Squibb of the office of Teller of the Exchequer in reversion, on surrender of a former Patent thereof. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 17. Warrant to pay to Wm. Twyne, Clerk of the Kitchen, 1,842*l.* surplusage of his account for expenses of the Commissioners sent to Southampton to attend to the reception of the Infanta, and to grant a discharge to Sir Robt. Seymour, Teller of the Exchequer, for 200*l.* by him previously advanced for the same service, without Letters of Privy Seal. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Presentation of Ant. Foxton to the Rectory of Burmarsh, co. Kent. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Warrant for payment of such sums as shall become due to Walter Briscoe, Marshal of the Ceremonies, by reason of his employment, at such rates as were paid to Wm. Marsh, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Sir Robt. Napier Bart., his son, and his brother, of licence to enclose 300 acres in the Hundred of Flitt, co. Bedford, to make a park, with free warren in their lands there, &c. Also, grant of the King's right to the tithes of Chiltern Green, with the advowson of the Vicarage of Luton, in the said county. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Grant to Hen. Fetherstonhaugh and Steph. Bowman, of demise of the herbage, &c. of Kirk-Oswald Parks, co. Cumberland, during the lives of Edw. Walker of Lazonby, and two others, on rental of 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and fine of 250*l.* [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. Westminster. Grant to Thomas Tyndall, of Bristol, of pardon for any offence against the Statute of Usury for which no information was exhibited before October 19 last. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 62.]

Nov. 17. Docquet of the above.

Nov. 17. 33. Dr. Beale to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Concerning Mr. Boswell's matter. Abstract.

Nov. 17. Edmund Hall. 34. Mat. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Private affairs.

Nov. 17. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Thos. Middleton. Requests some relief from the City for Ferdinando Texeda, a converted Spaniard. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 17. Whitehall. 35. Sec. Conway to Lord Zouch. Is requested, along with his Lordship, to give a certificate of their joint reference to Mr. Beresford and Mr. Smith of the examination of the accounts between Lady Willoughby and Sir Geo. Manners, which will give much ease to the business. No powder is to be spared when the Spanish Ambassador passes by Dover.

Nov. 17. 36. Copy of the above.

Nov. 17. Hackney. 37. Robt. Middlemore to Lord Zouch. Lady [Willoughby] requests him to procure for Geo. Merisford the place of Fishmonger to the King, which is now vacant.

Nov. [17 ?] London. 38. Sir Edw. Zouch to Lord [Zouch.] Particulars of agreement entered into with Sir Thos. Drew for the purchase [of Odiham], price 2,150*l.* Is anxious about the issue of his Lordship's suit, the Judges being loath to touch King's leases. The Prince is angry about Sir

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H. Mainwaring; he burnt Lord Zouch's letter, and has knighted Fowler. Mendoza, the Ambassador who came with the Prince, pleads that as the last comer, he should have precedence over Inijosa, who refuses it as being first in the Commission. The King goes away on Wednesday, in spite of his gout. Dares not write what Archy the fool said about the Spanish match.

Nov. 18. Lambeth. 39. Archbp. Abbot to Lord Zouch. Detail of a conversation with the Prince; requested him to suspend his censure till he should hear his Lordship's answer in the matter of [Sir Hen. Mainwaring]; he promised so to do, but said that Fowler's case concerned himself, and rehearsed what was done about shutting the ports; yet on this matter also he promised to wait Lord Zouch's answers. Sir Thos. Drew is rid of the shrievalty of Hampshire.

Nov. 18. 40. Estimate [by the Navy Commissioners] of the charge for altering the ship Convertive into a two-decker, and also for sundry merchant ships lately employed to Spain, total 956*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*

Nov. 18. 41. Commissioners of Musters of Essex to the Council. Have mustered the foot bands and find them as full as they have been for twenty years past, though short of the 4,000 formerly charged on the county. The condition of the arms is improved. Many of the 400 light horse are wanting, and Sir Hen. Appleton, Captain of the Lancers, has failed to muster his 50 Lancers, or to answer the charge to do so. Send the names of 6 defaulters.

Nov. 18? Earl of Sussex, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, to the Same. To the same purport, with statement of the numbers of men and arms mustered. The powder, &c. in store in the county. Abstract. [*Dom. Corresp., April* 24, 1624.]

Nov. 18? 42. List of "Defaulters for provision of powder in Essex," classed according to the hundreds. The corporations of Colchester and Harwich were rated, but refuse to pay.

Nov. 18. Desire Pinnace, Dartmouth Harbour. 43. Capt. John Chudleigh to Sec. Conway. Tried to seize, in Portland Bay, a Dutch ship which had made prize of a ship of poor Christians, partly English, who had surprised their Turkish commanders, and escaped from slavery, but the Dutch vessel, being stronger and a better sailer, got away. Is vexed to hear of the constant incursions of piratical freebooters, especially French, and to have a pinnace that has neither speed nor force to attack them.

Nov. 18. London. 44. Sir Rich. Catchmay to the Same. Asks his favour in obtaining, from the Earl of Pembroke, renewal of the lease of a meadow, and a warrant to dispose of the cinders in Whitemead Park, which are now of no use to the Earl.

Nov. 18. [Whitehall.] 45. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Thos. Morgan. To favour his brother, Sir Rich. Catchmay, in a suit to the Lord Chamberlain, for renewal of lease of a meadow, and some stone quarries, and for a warrant to dispose of cinders in Whitemead Park.

Nov. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

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Nov. 19. [Whitehall.] 46. [Sec. Conway] to the Lord Mayor, &c. of London. Sends the petition [of Mr. Cocks] who has good recommendations; leaves it to their equity, and the justice of the suit, to satisfy him, rather than trouble His Majesty, but if they disapprove of the request, desires to know the grounds, that the matter may be arranged accordingly.

Nov. 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. 47. [The Same] to Lord Windsor. Has presented his request to remain in town this winter to the King, who grants it on the ground of his services to the Prince in the summer, but requests that it may not be made a precedent, as persons of his quality should give themselves to hospitality in the country at Christmas.

Nov. 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 97.]

Nov. 19. Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. 48. Thos. Boswell to Wm. Boswell. Mr. Bold is chosen Proctor. Entreated both the master [of Pembroke Hall] and Dr. Wren to propose himself (Thos. Boswell) for election, but they refused, Mr. Bold being the senior.

Nov. 19. Harrington House. 49. Countess of Bedford to Carleton. Thanks for his continued and undeserved friendship to one whose misfortunes are so familiar to the world.

Nov. 19. Temple. 50. Robt. Tanfield to Lord Zouch. Cannot obtain a meeting with the Lord Treasurer's Secretary about Wotton Parsonage, and has therefore taken out a "quare impedit." Sends a commission for taking his Lordship's answer on Mr. Lane's Bill, which must be given on oath, as it is in his own cause, although barons are allowed to speak on their honour, when they are witnesses for other parties.

Nov. 20. Whitehall. 51. Sec. Conway to the Same. Sends a letter omitted from his last packet, and desires to hear from him about Lady Willoughby's business.

Nov. 20. Dover Castle. 52. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Declines to join in a certificate on Lady Willoughby's business, the former commission on her cause, in which he and Conway were united, being superseded by a later one. Hopes the Prince will not urge him to receive Sir Hen. Mainwaring again. Is so ill that he expects to die at the castle, but, if required, would come in his litter to London, to tell the Prince reasons which he does not wish to write, against Sir Henry's restoration.

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Warrant to pay to Wm. Disson 7*l.*, for carrying a packet to the Hague. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96*a.*]

Nov. 20. Newmarket. 53. [The King to the Council]. To grant an application of the Earl of Somerset for leave to go and view some houses which may better agree with his health; when he has chosen a place, he is to acquaint His Majesty therewith before he buys it. With note that he lives at present at Aldenham, in Hertfordshire, and desires to visit Godstone in Surrey.

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Nov. 21. London. 54. Lord Windsor to Sec. Conway. Thanks for the King's favour in permitting him to remain in London; will use it modestly, and not presume upon it for the future.

Nov. 21. London. 55. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Sends a pamphlet by Dr. Good on the downfall of the house at Blackfriars. Parker, a Papist, was drowned, in crossing the river, with a youth and maiden whom he was carrying over for education in foreign seminaries. Mr. Camden's funeral was solemnised at Westminster, in presence of the Lord Keeper and several nobles and bishops. A great feast given at York House to the King, Prince, and Spanish Ambassadors. The banquet cost 300*l.* A masque was played, invented by young Maynard, but it offended the Spaniards, being chiefly a congratulation on the Prince's return. Posts go frequently to Spain, but it is said the King will not forsake his old friends the Hollanders. The two Dukes, Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, and eight others are appointed Commissioners for foreign affairs, and hold many sittings, &c.

Nov. 21. 56. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King requires the Lord Treasurer to consider the convenience of the suit of a well deserving servant, and, unless there be any material objection, to order the grant requisite for conferring it.

Nov. 21. [Theobalds.] 57. [The Same] to the Same. To examine the allegations of Edw. Sewster, goldsmith, of Cheapside, and, if they be true, to prepare a pardon for him, as sued for, and also a grant to Mr. Hippesley of the [outlawry] for which he petitions. *Incloses,*

57. I. [*The Same*] *to the Same, or Sol. Gen. Heath. Edw. Sewster, goldsmith, of Cheapside, solicits, for his own security, pardon for two offences of abuses in weighing plate, of which he is falsely accused by Rich. Holland, formerly his servant; not knowing what mischief may result to him from the oaths of so lewd a fellow and his associates. Nov.*

Nov. 21. Minute of the above letter to Att. Gen. Coventry. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 21. [Whitehall.] 58. [The Same] to Lord Chief Justice Hobart. Repeats his former recommendation of Wm. Stannard, for a lease of the pens and stalls in Rumford [market ?].

Nov. 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 22. St. Martin's Lane. 59. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Asks whether Marquis Inijosa and Don Carlos can have an audience with the Lords Commissioners for the marriage on Monday, as they desire it.

Nov. 22. Middle Temple. 60. John Verney to the Same. Begs him to request Justice Chamberlain to mediate on Mrs. Maynett's behalf with her creditor. She repents her former foolery.

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Nov. 22. [Theobalds.] 61. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. The King is willing to provide all accommodation for transportation of Don Diego de Mexia as fully as usual, but the Lord Treasurer is jealous of any innovations or new charges which, if once granted, would be insisted on by others. Precedents are to be consulted thereon. The Ambassador is to be assured that all shall be done for his safe conduct, consistent with his Majesty's service and honour.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 22. [Theobalds.] 62. [The Same] to Mr. Willis. To search, among the payments made for transporting ambassadors, whether, in the late or present reign, any allowance has been given for hiring ships to transport their baggage and provisions.

Nov. Minute of the above, dated Nov. 21. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 97.]

Nov. 22. Westminster. 63. Rich. Willis to Sec. Conway. Can find no precedents, either in Queen Elizabeth's time or since, for allowances for hiring vessels to transport the baggage of foreign ambassadors coming hither.

Nov. 22. [Theobalds]. 64. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King has not leisure to make an absolute agreement between the petitioner and the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge, who is reasonable enough, on behalf of the University, not to insist on printing the Bible in 8vo., but will be content with the printing of it in 4to. or 12mo. His Majesty leaves the case to Council, and wishes to hear no more about it, unless unexpected difficulties arise, in which case information is to be sent as to where the fault lies.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 22. Theobalds. 65. [The Same] to the Lieutenant of the Tower. The King requires him instantly to admit John Oxenton, who holds the reversion of a Wardership in the Tower, to the place now vacant, or to state the grounds upon which he has been refused, both on the present and a former vacancy.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 22. [Theobalds]. 66. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. A commission is to be drawn out to the two Lord Chief Justices, Justice Jones, and the Attorney and Solicitor General, to settle the points in question about [the manner of bestowing] the bishopric of St. Asaph. A letter is to be sent to the Lord Deputy of Ireland to confirm to Robt. Boyd, a Scot, his father's lands in Ireland, so far only as his title is defective for want of denization, with a general clause that other Scotchmen shall have the like privilege, if their titles be good in every point save that of denization.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 22. London. 67. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Lord Chamb. Pembroke or Sec. Conway. Don Diego de Mexia much wishes to see the Tower. Has evaded his request till the King's pleasure can be known. If he visit it, the Lieutenant should have a day's notice. Don Diego de Mendoza left yesterday.

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Nov. 23. Drury Lane. 68. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. As to precedents for taking up ships for transporting foreign ambassadors, believes they were allowed to those of the Emperor and King of Poland. Don Diego de Mexia is much troubled that he cannot have a ship of the King to transport him to a port in the Infanta's dominions, &c. He and his company desire to see the Tower. Asks directions therein.

Nov. 23. [Theobalds.] 69. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. The King commends his discretion in postponing the visit of Don Diego de Mexia to the Tower till His Majesty's pleasure be known, and the Lieutenant have due notice. Mexia is to be allowed to see the Tower, but not the jewels, on the ground that they have lately been removed.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 23. Theobalds. 70. [The Same] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King has told the Infanta that the Council are now discussing a plan for licensing export of ordnance, and, upon their decision, her request for ordnance for a fleet she is to send to sea shall be satisfied. His Majesty is anxious about the safe transport of some asses and horses sent him from Spain, and put into Rochelle, and desires his lordship's assistance in providing funds for shipping thereof.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 23. Theobalds. 71. [The Same] to John Coke. The King likes the mules in his litter so much that he is very anxious for transport of the asses from Rochelle. The ship which carried them was bought by the Prince at St. Sebastian, but, springing a leak, was put into Rochelle for repairs. Orders are required that either she be fitted to transport them, or another ship hired for the purpose.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 23. Theobalds. 72. Petition of Capt. John Heydon and Wm. Godson to the King. Complain that Thos. Hutchins and other posts, having procured remission for certain fees which they formerly allowed to the paymasters, became insolent and negligent in their duty, refused control, and took advantage of the death of the late Lord Stanhope to sue the petitioners, who were newly-appointed paymasters, for the actions of their predecessors. Plead for restoration of the former poundage, to meet the necessary expenses of the office. With reference thereon to the Council. *Inclose,*

72. 1. *Declaration of Thos. Hutchins, of Crookhorne, co. Somerset, that on receipt from Lord Stanhope of* 30*l., in satisfaction of past grievances relating to the Mastership of the Posts, he pledges himself to refrain from all clamour and opposition in future. Dec.* 9, 1619.

Nov. 23. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. Instructions to draw a pardon for —— Jones. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 98.]

Nov. 23. The Same to Sec. Calvert. To appoint a meeting of the Lords' Committees with the Spanish Ambassadors. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 23. Theobalds. 73. Petition of Ursula, widow of John Stokes, to the King, for release from imprisonment, having been falsely accused of the murder of her husband, who drowned himself. With reference thereon to Justice Hutton, and his report.

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Thos. Chamberlain. Concerning the business between Widow Maynett and Mr. Cartwright. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 99.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. 74. Report of the proceedings of a Court of Chivalry, held in the Painted Chamber, Westminster, by Earl Marshal Arundel. Description of the Court, of the persons who composed it, the order in which they sat, &c. The Earl Marshal, in a "good pithy speech," announced his intention of reviving the long discontinued court of Constable, and his patents and commissions were read. The first cause called for was that of Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., who protested in vain both against the bill of his accusation, as being slanderous, and against the jurisdiction of the Court, and was ordered to be ready with the answer to the bill by Dec. 1. The next cause was the complaint of Ralph Brooke, York Herald, about the share of fees due to him from Sir Rich. St. George, Norroy, and Hen. St. George, Richmond Herald, who, in the vacancy of the Earl Marshalship, had the distribution of the fees. The defendants were ordered to amend their answer by Dec. 1, to which day the Court was adjourned.

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant to pay 60*l.* to M. Laere, sent with a packet to Spain. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96*a.*]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant to pay to Hen. Davis 55*l.*, for bringing a packet out of Spain. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Grant to Ralph Sadler and his heirs of confirmation of the Manors of Bishop's-Stoke, Henbury Saltmarsh, Olveston, and other lands co. Gloucester, and the Manor of Twining and tithes there, cos. Gloucester and Worcester, on payment of the former rents, and a fine of 573*l.* 12*s.* 8¼*d.*, one fourth of which is to be given to Robt. Typper, who attends the Commission for Defective Titles. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Warrant for delivery to John Blinckhorne of certain pieces of silver, seized by him as being drawn into wire contrary to the statute. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Slaugham. 75. Sir Walter Covert to Sir Fras. Stewart. Is willing, at the King's request, to increase his kinsman's allowance from 120*l.* to 160*l.* a year, besides bringing up his eldest son, and will also pay his debts of 1,000*l.* mentioned by His Majesty, and do whatever else he thinks fit.

Nov. 24. Dover Castle. 76. Edw. Fowkes to Nicholas. To remit 20*l.* to himself and pay over the balance to his sister.

Nov. 24. Dover Castle. 77. John Lloyd to the Same. Lord [Zouch] is ill in bed. The Ambassador [of the Archduchess] was received with salutes. Lord [Zouch] has written to the Bishop for re-establishment of Mr. Warren's lecture at Rye.

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Nov. 25. 78. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Hopes Sir Fras. Cottington's disfavour with the Prince will not cause the disappointment of his wishes.

Nov. 25. Dover Castle. 79. Lord Zouch to the Same. Requests him to draw up, from the papers in his custody, a full account of the reasons for the dismissal of Sir Hen. Mainwaring, the Prince having solicited his re-appointment. Would rather go to execution or submit to any punishment than restore him. [*See Nov.* 28.]

Nov. 25. Sandwich. 80. Sir Hen. Wotton to Lord Zouch. Announces his arrival from Italy. The journey was tedious, because of the necessity of taking bye-roads to avoid freebooters. Prices were enormously high, and no conscience to be found. Has seen no novelty except the English Jesuitesses at Liège, who mean to have their share in church service as well as needlework.

Nov. 26. Yarmouth. 81. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Same. Send the names of four men of Rye, who, contrary to the rules of the Cinque Ports, have delivered herrings at Lowestoft after Michaelmas; have not meddled with the offenders, relying on his Lordship's justice to punish them, as he promised so to do on their release of a former offender of Hastings.

Nov. 26 ? 82. Statement of the Grievances of Merchant Adventurers, by the present course of tareing English cloth bought and sold in Holland, viz., allowing the search to take place in many towns, instead of confining it to the market towns where the English could be present; not allowing extra length in cloth to compensate for defect of width, &c. They request restoration of the ordinances agreed on in 1616.

[Nov. 26.] 83. Petition of the Same to the Privy Council, complaining of the excessive impositions on English cloths in Flanders and Brabant. The town of Antwerp, where they propose to reside, being unable to obtain a reduction thereof, they recommend a restraint to be laid on the export of cloths and victuals, and furnishing of soldiers, &c., to those parts, till the impositions be moderated.

Nov. 27. 84–85. Will of Sir Edw. Coke, late Chief Justice of the King's Bench, dated Nov. 10, 1623, requesting his executors, Sir Randall Crew, Sir. Thos. Coventry, and Sir Walter Pye, to see truly performed, for the benefit of his offspring, the conditions of the indentures whereby he has conveyed his property in trust for them, and leaving to each executor a piece of plate, value 30*l.*; with codicil, dated Nov. 27, requesting that he may be buried without funeral pomp at Littleshall church, and a monument be erected for him there, and that his books may be preserved for his posterity. Two copies.

Nov. 27. Westminster. Grant to Edw. Sewster, goldsmith, of London, of pardon for deceitful weighing of silver plate, bought from Sir John Sames and Geo. Browne, of which he is falsely accused by Rich. Holland, a discontented servant. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 64.]

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Nov. 27. 86. Sir Robt. Pye and Thos. Fotherley to [Buckingham]. State the value and amount of Mr. Grimes' property, and of his debts. He made his will before he went last to Spain.

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Bp. of Winchester. On behalf of Mr. Giles. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 99.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. 87. [The Same] to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Requests further relief for Ferdinando Texeda, a converted Spaniard, who is translating and printing the English liturgy into Spanish. Can testify his good conduct, having entertained him in his own house some time on his first coming over.

Nov. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 99.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. 88. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes to assist Robt. Hay, Gentleman of the Robes and one of the bedchamber, in obtaining a grant made to him of mills, &c., in or near Norwich, notwithstanding any opposition by the city, and therefore forbids the passing of any grant to the city, till they have satisfied Mr. Hay about his grant.

Nov. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 100.]

Nov. 27. [Whitehall.] 89. [The Same] to Dr. Langton, President of Magdalen College, Oxford. Is surprised at a refusal of the College to admit young Hyde as a Demy on the King's recommendation. The refusal is likely to be brought before His Majesty; gives him private intimation that it will be noticed, and an account required, so that he may prevent the complaint and avoid His Majesty's displeasure, which may work beyond expectation, by speedy compliance with so small a request.

Nov. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 99.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. Warrant to pay 60*l.* to John House, sent with a packet to Spain. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 96*a*.]

Nov. 28. 90. Memorandum by Edw. Nicholas, that on Feb. 26, 1623, he received an order from Lord Zouch to write to Mr. Willisford for watch to be kept at all the Cinque Ports, and that he wrote accordingly on Feb. 27.

Nov. 28. Whitehall. 91. Sir Edw. Zouch to Lord Zouch. Sends the agreement between Sir. Thos. Drew and his Lordship. As to Sir Hen. Mainwaring, he was to blame for ever choosing him. Has done his best to serve his Lordship for love, not from a wish to succeed him, being satisfied with what he has. The Prince does not intend to press Mainwaring's restoration, but wishes to know what is said against him.

Nov. 28. 92. Statement by Rich. Marsh, Clerk of Dover Castle, that during Sir Hen. Mainwaring's lieutenancy, he was often absent from the Castle, whereby warrants could not be signed, nor oaths administered to those who came on trials to the courts; that to remedy the

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inconvenience resulting therefrom, he used to sign blank warrants, and leave them with Marsh, and that Lord Zouch authorized another person to receive the oaths. Also that Mainwaring, by running into debt and keeping low company, lowered the reputation of his office.

Nov. 28. 93. Statement by Thos. Fulnetby, Serjeant of the Admiralty Court of the Cinque Ports, that Sir Hen. Mainwaring twice refused to sign warrants for prosecution of intruders into the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports, unless Fulnetby would bind himself to prosecute, which was an unusual requirement.

Nov. 28. 94. Statement by the Same, that Sir Hen. Mainwaring refused to assist certain merchants of Sandwich in recovering the goods of a wrecked vessel, which had been embezzled by the inhabitants of the town.

Nov. 28. 95. Draft of the two preceding papers.

Nov. 29. 96. Sam. More to [Nicholas]. Sends papers on the misconduct of Sir H[en.] M[ainwaring]. *Incloses,*

96. 1. *Note, that Sir Hen. Mainwaring endeavoured to get possession of some money which Mr. Fulnetby had in charge at* [*Deal*] *Castle, and, failing therein, tried to persuade him to cheat the merchants by opening the money bags and tumbling the money together, so that they could not reclaim their own; also that he borrowed* 10*l. of Brames, thereby much hindering his suit in the Chancery Court.* [*See Dec.* 1.]

Nov. 29. 97. Certificate by Wm. Turner, the Minister, and six of the inhabitants, of Sevenoaks, that Mrs. Cranmer, widow, of that place, summoned before Council for default of service, is too ill to appear.

Nov. 29. 98. Bill of charges of Sir John Finet, Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, for attendance on foreign ambassadors at audiences, &c., since Aug. 4, 1622, 45 days, at 40*s.* per day; and also for the expenses of Don Diego de Mendoza from Portsmouth to London, and thence back to Dover, which he defrayed by the Prince's order. Total, 154*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

Nov. 29. 99. Sir Wm. Croft to Carleton. Regrets the failure of his attempts to serve Carleton.

Nov. 100. Archbp. of Canterbury, Marquis Hamilton, Lord Chamb. Pembroke, and Earl of Holderness, to Lord Zouch. Request information on the case of the widow of Sir Edw. Tarbock concerning her title of dower, formerly referred to his Lordship and Sir Edw. Coke, and now to themselves.

Nov. 101. Nathan Noyes to the Same. Begs his assistance in getting some bonds out of the hands of Mr. Randolph, to whom he had engaged to pay certain moneys for procuring him his parsonage. Will pay no more, because he thinks it simony, and is too poor to afford it. Fears law proceedings thereon, which must ruin him.

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Nov. 103. Declaration by the Earl of Oxford [to Council], that racking his memory to the utmost, he cannot recal any misprising or undutiful thought of His Majesty, and begs their mediation for him. Does not wish to qualify his former protestation. [*Draft by Sec. Conway on the back of the preceding paper.*]

[Nov.] 104. Another draft of the above [by Sec. Conway].

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Dec. 1. Trinity House, Ratcliffe. 1. Wardens, &c. of Trinity House to [the Council]. Think the light at the Lizard in Cornwall very unnecessary, most ships entering the channel by day, not by night, and the road being so broad that few ever see the Lizard. The tax of ½*d.* per ton on ships would yield about 400*l.* a year. It is a great burden, and much complained of.

Dec. 1. 2. Bond of Derrick Hoston and Abm. Ruytinck of London, and Peter Mace of Sandwich, in 1100*l.*, to indemnify Lord Zouch for restoring to Hoston a quantity of Brazil wood, recovered from the wreck of the Anne Lyon at Sandwich.

Dec. 1. 3. Bond of Sam. Vischer and Rob. de la Bar, of London, in 2000*l.*, to indemnify Lord Zouch for restoration to them of sugar, cinnamon, and other goods recovered from the above wreck.

Dec. 1. 4. Statement by Thos. Fulnetby, serjeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, that Sir Hen. Mainwaring, having in vain tried to get possession of 8000*l.* or 9000*l.* of merchants' money, the lading of a ship wrecked in the Cinque Ports, which was deposited in Deal Castle for the owners, tried to persuade him to tear the bags and tumble the money together, as the merchants would then not know how to get it, being unable to prove which was their own.

Dec. 1. 5. Draft of the above.

Dec. 3. 6. [Edw. Nicholas] to the Prince. Lord [Zouch] was wishful to part with Sir Hen. Mainwaring fairly, but Sir Henry's challenge compels exposure of his faults. His Lordship had great hesitancy about making him Lieutenant of Dover Castle, on account of his former disreputable life, and only admitted him to remain during pleasure. Details of his offences in absence from the castle, neglect of duty, attempts at fraud, keeping low company, running into debt, &c., whereby he was in danger of arrest, and much damaged Lord Zouch in the estimation of many. His discharge was not caused,

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as he affirms, by his wish to go with the fleet to Spain, being given five weeks before Lord Zouch knew that he wished for that employment. Intreats his Highness to consider the difference between Sir Henry's conduct and that of a faithful servant like Lord Zouch, and to spare his Lordship such a punishment as the command for his restoration.

Dec. 3. 7. Draft of the above, stating the nature and amount of Mainwaring's debts, &c. and draft of a note from Nicholas to Lord ——, expressing regret that duty to his Lord compels him to draw up these accusations. Also memoranda relating to Mainwaring's ill conduct.

[Dec. 3.] 8. Another draft, with marginal notes of names [of the parties by whom the several charges can be substantiated] and other memoranda.

[Dec. 3.] 9. Similar draft of part of the above letter of Nicholas.

Dec. 3. 10. Edw. Hutchins to Nicholas. Requests favour for his son, who is admitted by Lord [Chief Justice] Ley, Attorney of the King's Bench.

Dec. 3. 11. —— Croppenbury to [Sec. Conway]. Details of ordnance manufactures in Germany, Holland, and Sweden. At first the pieces used to break in the proving, but are now much amended. Thinks the foreign manufactures would soon be suppressed, if export of English ordnance were permitted; otherwise the foreigners will grow more experienced in casting it.

Dec. 3. 12. Note of ordnance ready to be shipped, weight 382 tons 4 cwt.

Dec. 3. 13. Answer addressed to the Council by Dame Elizabeth, widow [of Sir Michael] Hicks, and by Sir Wm. Hicks, Bart., her son, to the petition of Dame Alice, widow of Sir John Berkeley, in disproof of the assertion of the latter that their Manor of Beverstone is subject to the payment to her of an annuity [of 20*l.*], any such claim, if it ever existed, being made void by the petitioner's own bond and release.

Dec. 4. Moynes in Bumpsted. 14. Hen. Gent and Thos. Heigham to Visct. Annandale. Certify that James, son of Sir Jas. Reynolds, has been hawking at pheasants, contrary to the King's commands, along with Sam. Westley of Hempstead, Essex. With note, dated Dec. 9, that the writers are required to apprehend both Reynolds and Westley, and send them to the King.

Dec. 4. Chelsea. 15. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Is unable to grant Mr. Porter's suit, because it is for a general grant, such as was made a grievance by Parliament, and revoked by the proclamation of grace; but will forward his obtaining his desire, if he will bring in the particulars as he discovers them, for special warrants, without any general grant.

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Dec. 4. [Theobalds.] 16. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King is pleased to permit Sir Rich. Grobham to remain in London this winter quarter, on account of the extreme sickness of his lady and other reasons, but this permission is not to be made a precedent.

Dec. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 100.]

Dec. 4. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. On behalf of Love, the farrier. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 100.]

Dec. 5. Theobalds. The Same to Mr. Read. To prepare a letter from the King to the King of Spain, recommending Rodriguez Velzer for preferment in Spain. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 5. Theobalds. The Same to Sir Walter Covert. The King accepts well his favour and bounty to his kinsman, on His Majesty's mediation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 5. Dorset Court. 17. Sir John Suckling to Sec. Conway. The Commissioners for Trade consider that the use of the hot press for the new draperiesis very necessary, as the merchants say that without a gloss upon them, they should be unable to sell them abroad; but the grant of incorporation sued for by those who use the hot press is thought inexpedient, as it would restrain some who now use it, "be an imprisoninge to that crafte and misterye," and might lead to raising the price of all goods beautified thereby.

Dec. 5. Warrant to pay to Geo. Walcott 10*l.*, for taking letters to Brussels. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 5. Warrant to pay to David Melvin 10*l.*, for bringing letters to the King from the Duke of Bouillon at Sedan. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 6. Theobalds. 18. Warrant to Sir Edw. Cecil to superintend the game and river fish about Wandsworth, Tooting, Mitcham, and the Lordship of Wimbledon, Surrey, where he resides, with power to give 20*s.* reward to any that discover offenders stealing the same, and orders for reading of this warrant in all the parish churches. Indorsed with note of its renewal in August 1625, with the additional places of Mordin, Marton, and Kingston, and with power to appoint deputies.

Dec. 6. 19. Copy of the above [by Nethersole].

Dec. 6. 20. The King to the Vice Provost of Eton. In favour of Edw. Bee, Gentleman Usher of the Privy Chamber, for renewal of the lease of a messuage in London held from the College.

Dec. 6. London. 21. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The Queen of Spain is brought to bed of a daughter. The French Ambassador, since the accident at the Blackfriars, has taken Lord Mandeville's house in Aldersgate Street, where he admits no more Catholics to mass. The Spanish Ambassadors returned from Theobalds not so well contented as they have been, since neither Mendoza nor Mexia could prevail with the King to have them transported to Dunkirk, but only to Calais. Sec. Conway told Van Male, who was urgent about it, that His

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Majesty had no reason further to discontent his old friends the Hollanders. Van Male said that that was Conway's own answer, not the King's, and he should be sorry to tell the Ambassadors that His Majesty was afraid to displease the Hollanders. They have tried in vain to procure an audience at which Buckingham should not be present. He was very courteous to the Walloons in Mexia's train, and told them he wondered so brave a nation could endure Spanish tyranny, and that if they would stir themselves, others should help them. The papists of Cheshire and Lancashire, who by mediation of the Spanish Ambassador had obtained respite till Lady Day from payments for recusancy, are sent for to answer for their doings. A secret society, first formed in Lord Vaux's regiment in the Low Countries, has spread to England; they wear blue and yellow ribbons in their hats, have a Prince called Ottoman, and nicknames, as Tityre, &c.; fears mischief may come of it. Buckingham hates the name of Digby, but the King has knighted Sir [Kenelm] Digby, and also Sir Thos. Crew. Buckingham invited himself to a feast given by Mr. Freeman, the new sheriff, in Merchant Tailors' Hall. There are whispers of threats against him by papists, "as the only hinderer of their so much desired match." Priests and Jesuits grow so bold that they swarm about the sick, and, if they can find means to anoint and cross them, declare that they died in their faith. A purple fever is prevalent, and has carried off Sir Hen. Baker, Sir Edw. Stafford, Sir Thos. Jermyn's eldest son, and others. The Countess of Warwick was borne out of Holborn by torchlight, with more than sixty coaches, to be buried in Essex. Fras. Mitchell, who was unknighted, would have been before the Star Chamber, for complaining of Lord Coke and Sir Dud. Diggs, but was too ill to appear. The Lord Marshal, after three days' hearing, is obliged to postpone the business of Harris, a Shropshire baronet, whom it is sought to degrade for baseness and other bad qualities. It was thought the Great Seal would have been given to Lord Mandeville, but the Lord Keeper is likely to retain it. Sir Wm. Beecher has the Provostship of Eton.

Dec. 6. 22. Particulars by John Sawyer, auditor, of the manors of Moulsey Matham, and Eastmoulsey, co. Surrey, made by order of the Lord Treasurer in order to a lease in reversion.

Dec. 7. 23. Memorandum for John Rous of forms to be adopted relating to Mr. Carne's patent as Teller of the Exchequer, Mr. Rous's as Receiver, and the filling up of blanks in the patents of Messrs. Squibbs, Pitts, and Saville.

Dec. 7. 24. Certificate that the surrenders of John Saville, Edw. Pitt, Art. Squibb, and Sir Wm. Herrick, [of reversions of Tellerships of the Exchequer] are brought into the Enrolment Office.

Dec. [7?] 25. Statement [by Sir John Bourchier] of the benefit which would arise to the King and kingdoms by the alum and soap works being worked on His Majesty's own account. Hopes to bring in Sir Paul Pindar's great diamond, as a fine to His Majesty.

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Dec. 7. Old Bailey. 26. Earl of Leicester to Sec. Conway. Wished to have taken leave of him before going into the country. Leaves his business to Conway's time and care.

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Master of Queen's College, Cambridge. Recommends a son of Dr. Burgess for a Fellowship there. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 100.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. The Same to the Lieutenant of the Tower. Signifies the King's pleasure for —— Oxenton to be sworn and admitted to a warder's place. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. On behalf of Hugh Standford, cutler. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. The Same to Lord Denney. For preserving the game, and hindering the shooting in pieces. [*Ibid., p.* 101.]

Dec. 9. 27. Thos. Parker to Wm. Wilde, Conway's Secretary. The blank in Mr. Saville's bill may be filled up, the Lord Keeper having subscribed his recepi to Mr. Pitt's Privy Seal.

Dec. 9. Augustine Friars. 28. John Coke to Sec. Conway. Has failed to obtain an interview with Sir Noel Caron, but as to the proposed light on the Godwin Sands, understands that the Hollanders have suffered great wrecks for want of it, and offer liberally towards it. Sir Dud. Carleton should inform the States that the Lord Admiral is willing to erect and maintain a light there, but that as they will have the greatest benefit, they should contribute, either by a tonnage on all ships passing that way, or by an annual payment in gross; the manner of levying and paying the same to be made as certain as possible.

Dec. 10. St. Martin's Lane. 29. Sec. Calvert to the Same. The King expects Conway at Theobalds to-morrow. Sends for signature a letter for an addition of certain persons to the Council at York, and one for Dr. Godwin's preferment in Hereford Cathedral; with note that the letters were signed and returned.

Dec. 10. London. 30. Bp. of London to the Same. Certifies, at request of Lady Denbigh, that the King has several times dispensed with the local statutes of Colleges by a "non obstante." [*See Dec.* 12.]

Dec. 10. 31. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. After consulting with Sir John Bourchier, sends the draft of a warrant to the Commissioners nominated to settle the soap business.

Dec. 10. Riddlesworth. 32. Drew Drury to Lord Zouch. Sir John Corbett, for whom he had previously requested a burgess's place in the Cinque Ports, having resolved to stand for the shire, presumes to request the place for himself, desiring to imitate his late father's zeal for King and country.

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Dec. 10. 33. Articles of Instructions by the Prince to his stewards, on the amount of fines to be levied for renewing grants of his copyhold estates, for alienations, licences of demise, &c.

Dec. 11. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To cause the several allowances to Mr. Palmer of the bedchamber to be put into one patent, and increased to 500*l.* a year for life, as those of the rest of the grooms have been. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 101.]

Dec. 11. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To forbear giving in informations against Sir Wm. Sandys and his lady, for their abode in London this winter. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 11. Theobalds. The Same to Ant. Oldfield. Recommends a person not named to his favourable dealing. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 11. Theobalds. 34. The Same to Buckingham. Lord Bristol's dispatch brings no reply to the King's request about the match and the Palatinate, no discovery of the feeling of that Court, only a conditional promise of his return, and a request for better direction and supply of moneys. His Majesty has laid his errors home, and taken away all his excuses, but says it would be difficult, as recommended by the committee, to recal him and Sir Walter Aston.

Dec. 11. 35. Copy of the above.

Dec. 11. Theobalds. 36. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To renew Lord Russell's commission of Lieutenancy for Devonshire and Exeter, and to add to the Deputy Lieutenants Sir Fras. Glanville and Lewis Pollard for Devonshire, and Jeffry Waltham and John Modiford for Exeter.

Dec. 12. Theobalds. 37. The Same to the Master, &c. of Queen's College. Commands them to elect Geo. Bardsey to the next Fellowship, notwithstanding that by their private statutes he is incapable of election, without a royal dispensation. Indorsed with note, that this letter is given at the suit of the Countess of Denbigh.

Dec. 12. Theobalds. 38. The Same to Sir John Suckling, Sol. Gen. Heath, and others. Requires them to consider a proposition for making hard and soft soap with home-grown materials, instead of such as are imported, on satisfaction of the sums lost to the Customs thereby. They are to report on the money that will be thus saved to the kingdom, the inconveniences that may result to merchants and soap boilers, and the recompence therefor, &c.

Dec. ? 39. Statement of the advantages to the public from the new soap, as being home-made, of materials in the kingdom now little used, and thus employing many poor, requiring little fuel in the manufacture, saving the expense of potash, and in time becoming an article of export. With objections to the manufacture by the Eastland merchants, and answers to objections.

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Dec. ? 40. Addition to the former proposition of Sir John Bourchier, concerning the alum and soap works; that the Alum Works' Patent, now held by Sir Arth. Ingram, be given up to him, on his easing the King of a promised annuity therefrom to Sec. Conway, of 2,000*l.* and other conditions, and the soap works be left to further consideration.

Dec. ? 41. Note of the benefits which may redound to the King and realm, by Sir John Bourchier's proposition touching soap and alum.

Dec. ? 42. Addition to the former overtures concerning new soap, with a statement of the qualities of hard and soft soap made in England or imported; that on making the new soap from home materials, the present soap boilers will need compensation, and also the Eastland merchants, who bring in 30,000*l.* worth of potash a year for soap making; but the new soap can be sold cheaper than the other, and yet the King have 2*l.* per ton profit. Also that if this tax be complained of in Parliament as an imposition, His Majesty may buy out the patentees, and have it worked for his own profit. Details of the benefits which will accrue therefrom.

Dec. ? 43. Proposition, by Edw. Ayscough and others, to raise the King's revenue, by making and selling soap, His Majesty to have 46*s.* 8*d.* a ton for soap sold in England, and 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for that sold in Ireland.

Dec. ? 44. Statement of the best method of discovering any deceits that may be committed to defraud the King of the revenue that he should derive from soap, by appointing supervisors to examine and report weekly the quantities made and sold, to suppress unlicensed makers, &c.

Dec. 12. Theobalds. 45. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King is much concerned about the highway robberies and murders lately committed near London. He thinks it one of his chief duties to secure the safety of the highways, and therefore desires the Council to consider the best ways for repressing these evils, and reviving the laws against them. His Majesty suggests strict watches in and about London, and restraint and punishment of all vagrants. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder should be consulted. The regulations should extend through the kingdom, as the vagrants driven from London will be in danger of spreading mischief elsewhere.

Dec. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 100.]

Dec. 12. 46. Sir Wm. Croft to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his care of his schoolmaster, Dr. Richardson. The Bishop [of Hereford] will assist the doctor, as the promotion of his son, Dr. Godwin, depends upon that of Richardson. Hopes the latter may be admitted as the residentiary and Dr. Godwin as divinity reader.

Dec. ? 47. Proposal, by Sir Geo. Blundell, to keep a storehouse of arms in London, employ poor artificers and buy up their arms, and send into the countries the quantities required by each, at such

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prices as shall be allowed by [Council]; he requests a patent that no one else may sell arms, or he would be undone. The old arms might be disposed of to able men not of the trained bands, and none admitted into those bands but such as are able to buy arms for themselves.

Dec. 12. Scrope's Court. 48. Sir Geo. Blundell to Sec. Conway. To procure for him a patent to supply the kingdom with new arms, with some title, such as that of Captain of the Arms for England and Wales. Will procure them good and at the lowest rates possible. Begs an allowance for himself of 10*s.* for a horseman's armour and 5*s.* for that of a footman, as he will have the expense of providing an armoury and attendants, of sending arms into the country, &c. If Mr. Maxwell returns from Scotland, Lord Annandale will insist on his having half the profits; has also promised to Sec. Conway's son 1*s.* a piece out of the first 20,000 arms sold, in consideration of his father's favour. Begs his influence with Buckingham to procure him the Lieutenancy of the Tower, if he can borrow 1,000*l.* *Incloses,*

48. I. *Statement of the prices at which arms may be bought, with note that if the trained bands are once so provided, no kingdom in the world will be so well armed, but that this cannot be done unless each Lieutenant of a county compel the trained bands to buy their own arms, and not let the purchase be imposed as a tax on the county.*

Dec. 12. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To pay to Mr. Scandaver 100*l.*, and give him a warrant for wood in Yorkshire, to make a paddock to catch deer. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 101.]

Dec. 12. Theobalds. The Same to the Earl of Carlisle. Gives him an account of the tidings brought by Mr. Gresley from Spain. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 12. Theobalds. The Same to John Coke. Concerning a sea light to be erected on the Godwin [Sands], and the settlement of sea business between England and Holland. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 12. 49. Capt. Hen. Bell to David Waterhouse. Gentlemen who can show reasons for a decayed estate are qualified for admission [to the Charterhouse] whether they have been soldiers or not, and also scholars and others. The best mode of obtaining admission is by procuring a recommendation from the King, the Prince, or the feoffees in trust.

Dec. 12. 50. Petition of Edw. Fish, prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council, for release, being unconscious of offence, and the time dangerous "by reason of God's present visitation" in the City.

Dec. 13. 51. Bill of Sir Lewis Lewkenor for expenses of attendance on the Marquis of Inijosa, Don Diego de Mendoza, and Don Diego de Mexia, since Nov. 12. Total 366*l.* 10*s.*

Dec. 13. 52. Martin Lumley, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to Sec. Conway. Mr. Cocks was elected first Alderman and then Sheriff, his excuse that he was not worth 5,000*l.* being overruled, because it was known to be only an evasion, he having conveyed

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most of his property to his children. As he refused to conform, the case was taken before the Star Chamber, when he entered a bond to comply, but afterwards, on his importunity, he was discharged for ever from the office of Alderman or Sheriff, on payment of 400*l.* fine.

Dec. 13. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To prepare the interest money for the King of Denmark, whither Sir Robt. Anstruther is going as Ambassador. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 101.]

Dec. 15. Grant to John Bradford of an almsroom in Oxford. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. Grant to George Tether of an almsroom in St. Peter's, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. Warrant to pay 378*l.* to Geo. Gage, for money disbursed for the King's service in Italy. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 15. Grant in reversion to Visct. Air of a lease of the Manor and Lordship of Ecclesall, co. York. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 16. Worcester. 53. John Thornborough, Bp. of Worcester, to Sec. Conway, Death of Dr. Archbold, "a special ornament in this church." Recommends the case of the widow and ten children, who are left in want.

Dec. 18. East Stonehouse. 54. John Field to Lord Zouch. Sends him half a hundred Cornish buckhorns, and will send any quantity of dry whiting he pleases.

Dec. 19. Whitehall. 55. Order in Council, referring to one of the Secretaries the petition of John Heydon and William Godson, complaining of the abuses and neglect of service of the posts; and to the Lord Treasurer their complaint that, by the loss of the fee of 12*d.* in the pound on the wages of the posts, their great expenses have to be paid out of their fee as postmaster of 5*s.* a day, and that they are thereby disabled from the King's service. Also prohibition to the posts to employ as their solicitor Thos. Hutchins, who has so importuned the Council by his clamours that he is ordered to be committed if he appear before them again.

Dec. 19. 56. Examination of Mich. Constable, of West Raisen, Lincolnshire, relative to the origin of the Order of the Bugle. He and five or six others, supping at the Bugle in Newport, Isle of Wight, on their voyage to Spain, formed themselves into a friendly society called the Bugle, and, on their return, met with another society called Tityre tu, with whom they had friendly intercourse; 40 more joined their company. They have officers, colours, and a general fund, but no articles of agreement.

Dec. ? 57. Names of the Orders of Tityre and the Bugle, and "Names of those of the Order of the Blew," being a list of knights and gentlemen, some of whom were and some were not "at the supper, but of the colour."

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Dec. ? 58. Statement of Lord Stanhope's case, in reference to the office of posts; that the grant to the late Lord Stanhope included posts both to England and to foreign parts, and that De Quester, his deputy for abroad, treacherously obtained a patent for foreign parts, on the false suggestion that there was no such office granted, &c.

Dec. ? 59. Lord Chamb. Pembroke, Sec. Calvert, Att. Gen. Coventry, and Sol. Gen. Heath, to the King. Report that the patent granted to Lord Stanhope extends only to the posts in England, and does not interfere with that to Matt. de Quester of the office of Foreign Postmaster.

Dec. ? 60. Copy of the above.

Dec. 19. Westminster. 61. Proclamation confirming to Matt. de Quester, and his son Matt. de Quester, the patent granted to them April 30, 1619, of the office of Postmaster of England for Foreign Parts, which has recently been questioned by Lord Stanhope, Master of the Posts for England, but found on reference not to be included in his patent. Printed.

Dec. 19. Copy of the above. [*Proc. Col., No.* 118.*]

Dec. 19. 62. Copy of the last clause of the above.

Dec. 19. Amsterdam. 63. Commissioners of the Admiralty for Amsterdam to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and the Mayor of Dover. Request restoration of the ship Gild Falcon, fitted out by Dutch owners, which was taken into Dover harbour by Hen. Brown, an Englishman, its captain, who unrigged it; also that Brown may be imprisoned, and examined as to the reasons of his conduct.

Dec. 19. London. 64. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Is in great perplexity notwithstanding a favourable audience from the Duke; begs aid to obtain the King's remission of the past; is not ambitious of other employment than he is deemed capable of.

Dec. 19. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King is pleased that the Countess of Berkshire shall have leave to remain in London during the winter. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 102.]

Dec. 19. Theobalds. The Same to the Dean of Worcester. On behalf of the widow and children of Dr. Archbold. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 20. Theobalds. The Same to the Same. On behalf of Mrs. Archbold. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 20. London. 65. [The Same] to Buckingham. The Earl of Bristol's despatches bring nothing new, only expostulations and re-examinations of the past, no negatives but that which should teach *us* to resolve on one, in a business so unhappy by delays; there will be more chaff than corn, whilst that winnower is there. The work of the day, before the Prince [in Council], is decision for a Parliament, and provision to be made against all objections and difficulties.

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Dec. 20. 66. Locke to Carleton. Has received orders for payment of his arrears, 1,792*l.*, but 44*l.* 9*s.* had to be paid in fees to the officers of the Exchequer; disposal of the remainder. There is a new commission for concealed lands. The Spanish match said to be broken off, and a Parliament expected.

Dec. 20. London. 67. Chamberlain to Carleton. Sir Edw. Howard, a younger son of the Earl of Suffolk, was married at York House to Sir John Butler's daughter. Buckingham promises to be a father to them. The Countess of Sussex has died; her last care was to prevent her husband marrying his concubine, Mrs. Shute; pursuivants were sent off at once to hinder it, but they were too late, for he had married her the next day. Allen, the old player, has married the daughter of the Dean of St. Paul's, which will diminish his charity to his two hospitals. Public preparations are said to be making in Spain for the marriage. The Earl of Bristol is generally decried; and a relation has got abroad, written seven years ago by Sir Robt. Phelips, as is supposed, which exposes his vanity, and what indignities he endured to bring about his own ends, rather than those of his master. Fulgentio, of Venice, has written a discourse on the Spanish match, which is much commended. The King has been in town, half against his will, and sat several times in Council, but has returned to Theobalds. The sending Lord Kensington to France, and other circumstances, lead to the suspicion of something brewing. The papists hang down their heads, and Lord Arundel of Wardour has requested to be their agent in the English court, as the French Protestants have one in their court. Rumoured changes of office. Lady Hatton is said to have bought Britain's Burse for 6000*l.*, and means to make the upper part her dwelling house; the lower part lets for 320*l.* a year.

Dec. 20. 68. Earl of Salisbury to the Council. Has held the musters in Hertfordshire, and finds the troops improve yearly. Returns the names of three persons who refused to appear, on plea of being the King's servants.

Dec. 20. Theobalds. 69. Petition of Dr. John Hanmer to the King, that being elected Bishop of St. Asaph, he may also have a grant of the Archdeaconry of St. Asaph, as enjoyed by his predecessor. With reference thereon to the Attorney General, ordering him to draw up a grant of the archdeaconry, provided it do not interfere with the questions now depending between His Majesty and the Prince, and his report, dated Dec. 26, that the right of presentation being questionable, he cannot draw up the grant without orders for it both from the King and Prince.

Dec. 21. Waltham. 70. Jos. Hall, Dean of Worcester, to Sec. Conway. Grief for the loss of Dr. Archbold; will do what he can to forward Conway's efforts to relieve the distressed widow and family.

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Dec. 22. 71. Rich. Story to Sir Thos. [Wilson ?]. Advises him to accept 20*l.* offered by a troublesome tenant, lest he find means to injure him still further.

Dec. 22. 72. Examination of Luke Kerklyn, of Chillingham, Northumberland. Sold 57 packs of wool for his master, Sir Wm. Grey, to Thos. Lynn, of Dunse, a Scot, and was to deliver them at his master's castle of Werke, but 18 packs were carried over the Tweed into Scotland, and seven more ready to take over, when the King's officers seized and marked them. Hired certain tenants of his master to rescue the wool and convey it to Werke Castle, which was done.

Dec. 22. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare the grant of a falconer's place for Rich. Ashby. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Fk., p.* 102.]

Dec. 23. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Lady Withipole is to be permitted to remain in town during winter. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 23. Gravesend. 73. John Godden to [Sam.] More. Requests favour for his man Willis, who has been cheated out of a horse, left by Nich. Knott, at the Bull Inn, Gravesend, in pledge for money borrowed by him, and taken away by Mr. Horne on pretence of its being his own.

Dec. 23. Cambridge. 74. [Wm. Boswell] to Mr. Burham, his brother. Intended to visit him and his other friends in Staffordshire, but has changed his purpose on finding that Dr. Beale, of Pembroke Hall, will keep Christmas with them; thinks no friend of his would favour the doctor, if they knew as much of him as he does.

Dec. 23. Theobalds. Warrant for Wm. Brooke to have charge of the game within five miles of his house, called Cowling Lodge, co. Kent. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 24. Inner Temple. 75. Att. Gen. Coventry to [the Council]. States particulars of the transfer, by Wm. Turner and others, to Lord Sheffield of certain annuities from the alum works, part of which he has assigned over to other parties, and part is not yet due to him, but contingent on the previous discharge of 3,000*l.* to Thos. Jones and Wm. Essington.

Dec. 24. 76. Commissioners of the Navy to [Buckingham]. Report in reference to the light at Dungeness, that it was erected by Hugh Bullock, at his own expense, and the patent thereof granted, on the proposition of Mr. Bing and Mr. Lamplugh, to Sir Edw. Howard, on whose decease it devolved on his brother and executor, Sir Fras. Howard, with a tax of 1*d.* per ton on vessels homeward bound, for its support; that Lamplugh, who was to receive one-fourth of this tax, contrived to procure letters from the King, extending it to vessels outward bound, which derive no benefit from the light, and also giving him half the profit instead of the fourth, &c., and meantime vessels are endangered by the light-house being ill kept. Advise that the petitioners be allowed the charge of it, on their proffered conditions of levying the tax on homeward bound vessels only, and paying 100*l.* a-year to the patentees.

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Dec. 24. Tichfield. 77. Henry, Earl of Southampton, to Sir Thos. Roe. Is in love with a country life. Thinks affairs are come to a crisis, and that there will be a Parliament. Hopes the Lower House "may be composed of discreet and honest men, else all may be naught."

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Dec 25. Barbican. 1. Sam. More to Nicholas. A Parliament is talked of. Sir Edw. Coke is to be sent to Ireland, with Justice Jones, Sir Edwin Sandys, and some say Sir Robt. Phelips. The city has petitioned for country gentlemen to be allowed to live in London, and for cessation of Chancery protection; both requests are granted, and the Lord Keeper's man, Smithsby, who dealt in protections, is sent to the fleet, some say for counterfeiting his lord's hand. A post from Spain brings news of a Proclamation forbidding the Infanta to be called Princess of Wales. It is said that in sign of her sorrow she put off her choppines. Lord Kensington is to go to France, either for a marriage treaty, or to thank the King of France for standing sponsor to the Queen of Bohemia's son Louis. Sir Rich. St. George is made Clarencieux, and Burrows Norroy, at the Earl Marshal's house, with much ceremony. News from Virginia that the English have poisoned many of the natives, and are much blamed.

Dec. 25. 2. Statement of the amount of Customs on exports and imports in the trade to Spain, Portugal, and the Islands, for the past year. Total 69,898*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 26. 3. Locke to [Carleton]. Sir Edw. Coke, who since last Parliament has been confined, either to the Tower or to a certain distance from his house at Windsor, was sent for to Council, and ordered to prepare to serve the King in Ireland. It is said Sir Edwin Sandys is likely to bear him company, and that Sir Robt. Phelips is to be sent for. Sir Edw. Howard has married Sir John Butler's daughter, but the Earl of Suffolk, his father, was not, as expected, restored to Council. The Earl of Holderness and Buckingham have quarrelled. The Lord Treasurer refuses to pass certain grants to Buckingham, which makes them look strange on each other. It was rumoured that the Earl of Arundel would be sent to the Tower, but he signs Council letters as usual, only is not so frequent at the Board.

Dec. 26. St. Stephen's Day, Wimbledon. 4. Sir Edw. Cecil to Sec. Conway. His fellow Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey follow the old course at the musters, merely telling the men to bring better arms next year, but giving them no pattern what arms they should get, without which nothing can be done. Urges Conway to complete the soldier-like work he has begun, by introducing strict discipline into the kingdom.

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Dec. 26. Grant to John Jacob and Edw. Savage, on nomination of the Duke of Richmond, of licence to enclose within the park of Copthall, co. Essex, lands not exceeding 400 acres, in which they have an estate of inheritance, with grant of free warren in the park, and freeing the park and lands from the forest. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 26. Grant to Wm. Preston of pardon for killing Jasper Waryne. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 26. Warrant dormant for payment of 8*d.* per diem to John Lake, the King's rat killer in the place of Rich. Price. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Sir Robt. Harley. Concerning a bargain for land between Mr. Baker and Mrs. Wright. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 102.]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a presentation of the Archdeaconry of St. Asaph for Dr. Hanmer. No grant is to be allowed of the forfeiture of Sir Chas. Blount. A similar caveat is entered at the signet. [*Ibid., p.* 102.]

Dec. [27]. 5. Order that nothing pass the seals touching Sir Chas. Blount, jun., till Sec. Conway is acquainted therewith.

Dec. 27. Whitehall. Proclamation that on account of the non-observance of orders for abstaining from meat in Lent and on fish days, all licences to butchers to sell meat in Lent be revoked; innholders, victuallers, &c., bound over not to have it dressed in their houses, and their servants examined thereon; the gates watched to prevent meat being brought into London, and none eaten without special licence from the Bishop, which is to be very sparingly granted: these orders to extend also to the country. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 118*A.*]

Dec. 28. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a grant to Geo. Armstrong of the keeping of the stables and almshouses at Theobalds. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 102.]

Dec. 28. Whitehall. Warrant for Adam Hill to have charge of the game within five miles of Spaldwick, co. Hants. [*Docquet, Dec.* 23.]

Dec. 30. Note of a warrant for release of Henry Earl of Oxford from the Tower. [*Dom. Corresp., Jan.* 3, 1624.]

Dec. 30. Grant to Ann Morley of an almsroom in St. Stephen's, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Warrant to pay to Sir Robt. Carr 1,000*l.*, to be delivered to the Prince for his New Year's gift. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Licence to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster to purchase in mortmain rents of 14*l.* per ann. out of Sunbury Manor, and 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* out of Great Stanmore Manor, both co. Middlesex. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 30. Warrant to pay to John Scandaver 50*l.*, and further sums if requisite, for conveying red deer from Woodstock Park to Newhall in Essex. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. 6. Order in Council limiting the period during which the owners of lands containing mines royal shall have the preference over others in obtaining leases of them, to three months after the publication of the proclamation, instead of a year as ordered on Sept. 26, excepting the mines in Cardiganshire, which remain in the King's hands. Also modifying the profit to be granted to the King from one sixth to one tenth, and ordering Commissioners to survey the working of the mines, lest his Majesty lose for want of the lessees having sufficient stock, workmen, &c.

Dec. ? 7. Objections to the order in Council of Sept. 26 relating to mines, that the clause for revocation of the lease, if the mines be not effectually worked, is too vague, and will hinder their letting, as no man could consider himself safe. Also objection to that of Dec. 30; viz., that the King may lose first three months' interest in the mines, by waiting for the owner to have the preference for the lease, and then nearly two years, if the owner, by taking a lease merely to prevent others, delay working it.

Dec. 30. 8. Mary Viscountess Colchester to Counsellor Wensforth. Death of her son [in-law], Roger Manwood. Was reconciled to him before he died; lives in a little box, while her daughter remains a sorrowful widow in her large house; fears trouble in securing her daughter's jointure.

Dec. 30. New Romney. 9. Mayor and Jurats of New Romney to Lord Zouch. Send him six fat wethers, in token of love and duty.

Dec. ? 10. Queries as to whether certain rights relating to the bishopric of St. Asaph belong to the King, or to the Prince, in whose gift it now is. With order to the Lord Chief Justice, the Prince's Chancellor, and others, to settle these points.

Dec. 31. Serjeants' Inn. 11. The Lord Chief Justices, Sir Wm. Jones, Att. Gen. Coventry, and Sol. Gen. Heath, to the King. Have prepared instruments to be passed by himself, the Prince, and the Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph, for the grant of the bishopric to Dr. Hanmer.

Dec. 31. Presentation of Dr. Hanmer to the Archdeaconry of Asaph, in the cathedral of St. Asaph. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Warrant dormant to Robt. Stacey to keep the game near Westminster, viz., at Chelsea, Kensington, Islington, &c. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. 12. Certificate by the Navy Commissioners of their five years' service ending Dec. 31, 1623, showing the increase in and improvement of the fleet, by building of 10 new ships, &c.; also of the building of the great dock at Chatham, the great reduction of annual expense, &c.

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Dec. 31. 13. Survey of the Tower of London, by Sir Allan Apsley, Lieutenant, Sir Rich. Morrison, Lieutenant of Ordnance, Sir John Ogle, and Sir John Kaye, Surveyor of Ordnance, containing an inventory of all the ordnance stores, ff. 1–5. Statement of the names and salaries of the officers and garrison, &c., ff. 6–13. Account of the duties of the lieutenants, warders, and gunners, and the recent laxity therein, f. 13b. Details of the repairs required about the Tower, and estimate of the cost, viz., 7,864*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* ff. 14–33. Certificate as to what has been done touching the report given in by the Lord Chamberlain and other commissioners on buildings about the Tower, dated 4 July, 1620, in reference to the Artillery Garden, leases of lands in the Minories, Tower Wharf, &c., and removal of the powder magazine which lies near the Office of Records, ff. 37–40.

Dec. ? 14. Plan of the King's storehouses and appurtenances in the manor of East Smithfield.

Dec. ? 15. List of persons contributing to the free gift [or benevolence] to the King, in the years 1622 and 1623, with the sums given by each.

Dec. ? 16. Estimate by the Navy Commissioners of the charge of transporting twenty-six horses and four asses from Rochelle to London, for the King; also note of payment of certain expenses of Capt. Love in Spain, when it was supposed the Prince would have returned in his vessel.

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1. Grant to Thos. Belson, of Great Yarmouth, of pardon for horse-stealing. Latin. With petition in his favour by the bailiffs and magistrates [of Great Yarmouth], on the ground of its being his first offence, and he a fit person to serve the King in defence of his realms or otherwise.

Grant to Lord Bruce, in reversion after Lord Cavendish and Lord Bruce, of the office of Master of the Game and Keeper of Houghton Park, co. Bedford; also grant of certain lands near the said park and two lodges in it, built by the late Countess of Pembroke; the grants to continue only so long as Fras. Nicholls shall have issue male. [*Docquet.*]

2. Grant from Edw. Lord Zouch to Edw. Nicholas, of the office of Steward of certain manors and lordships, cos. Somerset and Wilts.

3. Grant to Sir Cecil Trafford, of Trafford, Lancashire, of exemption from fine or prosecution for recusancy, during pleasure.

Anon. to the King. [Hen.] Wright was the person who informed Chief Justice Popham and Sir Thos. Chaloner, of the Jesuitical meetings, &c., during almost two years before the Gunpowder Plot, and has never been rewarded. Indorsed, "Mr. Secretary Conway." [*Gunpowder Plot Book, No.* 237.]

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4. Rich. Belfield, Mayor of a western town, and Chris. Wise, to the Council. Have apprehended by their order one Cognet alias D'Anglis, a Frenchman, and kept him in safe custody; ask further directions. He has lived 14 years in those parts, and behaved well.

5. Sir Hen. Bourchier to Sir Alex. St. John. Complains of his detention of an annuity which he (Bourchier) should hold from the late Earl of Bath, unless he consents to sign a paper which would acknowledge the rights of one whom he will maintain, both by law and by arms, to be a bastard.

6. Duke of Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The bearer will bring with him a gentleman who has something of great concern to impart to the King or Prince. Thinks the Prince had better hear it, for the ease of the King.

7. Capt. Christian to [the Same]. To move the Lord Admiral for allowance of 10*s.* pay, instead of 2*s.* 6*d.* offered by the Commissioners, for his service in His Majesty's ship Dreadnought, in 1621, and for his late employment into Scotland, both times as Vice Admiral.

8. Sir Oliver Cromwell to Elizabeth Queen [of Bohemia]. Thanks for her kindness to his children; beholds in her the never-dying image of her brother Prince Henry. Indorsed with a note [by the Queen to Sir Fras. Nethersole]. "This letter is from Sir Oliver "Cromwell, which you must answer for me, and as to one that I "wish verie well to. Send it quicklie to me to signe, because "Yelverton must carie it."

9. Anne Lady Howard, of Effingham, to Lord Zouch. Requests him to sign a certain writing.

10. Ann Grymes to Sec. Conway. Solicits an appointment for her son Fras. Grymes in Sutton's Hospital, the Charter House.

11. The King to the Justices of Assize, Sheriffs, and Justices of the Peace. To levy contributions on able persons within their respective jurisdictions, towards finishing the draining of the ancient watercourse of Fosdyke, co. Lincoln. With note of the variations required for a similar letter to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London.

12. The Same to the Mayor of Winchester. Commands him to frequent, as formerly, the Cathedral Church at Winchester, which he has forborne to do since an Order in Council, made to decide the differences between the church and the Mayor, settled that the Mayor should not bear up his maces in the choir of the cathedral.

13. Theophilus, Bishop of Landaff, to Sec. Conway. Sends him a letter of introduction from Conway's noble brother-in-law.

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14. Rich. Moore to [Sec. Conway.] Requests his influence with the Lord Keeper and others, for remission of his fine for building six tenements in Ratcliffe Highway, Stepney Parish, they being taken from him and given to the poor.

15. The King's shipwrights to [the Council]. Certify the size and tonnage of the Vanguard, Red Lion, Nonsuch, Assurance, St. George and St. Andrew.

16. J. Ousley to Sir Dud. Carleton. Desires continuance of favour, and proffers service.

17. George Woodward to Lord [Zouch?]. Intreats his favour for Mr. Newsam, who is most penitent for transgressing his Lordship's command; was his accuser, being unwilling to be accessory to such public scandals, but is touched by his deep sorrow.

18. Petition of James Huzée, of Dieppe, to the Same, for restoration of the ship Magdalen, laden with coals, which was seized by a Rochelle man-of-war, and sold to Thos. Barker, of Faversham, who disposed of the coals, and the ship now remains at Margate pier.

19. Lord [Zouch] to Thos. Fulnetby, and others. Orders the restitution to its owner, James Huzée, on his bond of indemnity, of the Magdalen, of Dieppe, taken near Margate by a Rocheller.

20. Petition of Rich. Arrowsmith, keeper of Bearwood Walk, Windsor Forest, to the King, to increase his wages of 10*l.* per ann., and give him allowance for provision of hay for the deer in winter, as granted to other keepers.

21. Petition of Diego de Castro Cortasar, a Spanish gentleman, to Lord Treas. Middlesex, to confer with the Lord Keeper and others to whom his suit is referred.

22. Petition of Wm. Grosse, John Stevens, and Jacob Harwyne, Hamburgh factors, to Buckingham, for delivery of two thirds of the money recovered from Capt. Salanuffe, of Rochelle, and taken by him from a Hamburgh ship, they having agreed to give the other third to his Grace. With order thereon granting the petition.

23. Petition of Phil. Darell to Lord Zouch, for redress against Monings Hanington, son of the late Wm. Hanington, who withholds from him divers rooms in the Maison Dieu, Dover, contrary to the agreement with the late Sir Marmaduke Darell, who let the property to his late father Wm. Hanington.

24. Petition of the fishermen of Devonshire, fishing for herrings on the coast of Ireland, to the Council, for relief from certain impositions laid upon them the last fishing time, by the Officers of Customs in Ireland.

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25. Petition of Wm. Fellowe, Musician, to the King, for release, being committed to prison because one of his company sang a song distasteful to His Majesty.

26. Petition of the Same to Sir Geo. Calvert, to the same effect.

27. Petition of Millicent Lady Green to the Council, for a warrant for the apprehension of her husband Sir Michael Green, and William Green his son, who, in contempt of their Lordships' orders, detain from her the lands and premises allotted to her.

28. Petition of Job Harvey and Rich. Wyche to the Same, that as executors of Rich. Wyche, deceased, they may not be personally liable to a tax rated on him as member of the Muscovy Company, having already distributed all his property according to the will.

29. Petition of Peter Johnson, master of a small Hamburgh vessel, to the Same, for release from prison, being committed for saying, "Your King is nought," when he saw a Holland ship taken by a Dunkirker in sight of Landguard Fort. Was drunk and in a passion when he used the words.

30. Petition of William Lickbaroe, schoolmaster of the Free Grammar School of St. Bees, Cumberland, to Sec. Calvert, for speedy execution of a commission, granted by His Majesty at his petition for reformation of the abuses of that foundation.

31. Petition of John Mead to Lord Admiral Buckingham, that a debt of 20*l.* due to him by John Haughton, may be stopped out of the wages due to Haughton, for his services as surgeon on board the Assurance, in the late voyage.

32. Petition of the ship-masters carrying Newcastle and Sunderland coal to France, to the King, against the injury done to their trade by special licences granted in France to bring over coals. Some London merchants offer to employ them instead of the Hamburghers and Flemings employed by France.

33. Petition of Fras. Michell to the Council, for protection from his creditors for one year, having lost most of his estate in his troubles, and some of his papers being kept away by Parliament. [*See Journ. Comm., vol. I., p.* 542.]

34. Petition of the Dornix weavers of Norwich to Lord Pres. Mandeville and other Commissioners for Trade, that dornix and similar manufactures, which are now made elsewhere, may be subjected to the same regulations as those made in the city, the deceits used therein having much injured their trade.

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35. Petition of Outgart Outgertson, master of the ship Brown Fish of Horne, in Holland, to the Council, for licence to purchase and carry away six small pieces of cast-iron ordnance, for his defence against Dunkirkers, Turkish pirates, &c., his ordnance having been seized by the magistrates of Konigsberg, to serve against the King of Poland.

36. Petition of Wm. Phillips to Sec. Calvert. Is committed to the Gate House for translating a small French pamphlet for Newberry, a stationer. Is very ill, and prays release.

37. Petition of Abigail Phillips to the Same. Her late husband was imprisoned in the Gate House for translating a certain book, and brought so low that he died. Prays for order that Newberry, the printer of the book, by whose default he was imprisoned, may contribute to her relief.

38. Petition of the Posts to Sec. Conway, to inform the King of their extreme distress for want of money, their wages being 2½ years in arrear, and they having to provide horses for his Majesty's service.

39. Petition of Ann, widow of Edw. Stafford, son and heir of Edw. Lord Stafford, to the Council, for reference to the Judges of a cause between herself and the copyhold tenants of the manor of Oldbury, late parcel of that of Thornbury, co. Gloucester, as to the charge of building the sea-walls there: she protests against the decree that she should build them, as she holds only 10 acres within the level, and they 1,600 acres.

40. Petition of Wm. Stansby, printer, to Sec. Calvert, for pardon and restoration to his business, the Wardens of the Stationers' Company having, by warrant from the Council, nailed up his printing house, and broken down his presses, for printing, by instigation of Nath. Butter, bookseller, a tract sheet, called "A Demonstration of the Unlawful Succession of the New Emperor."

41. Petition of the Same to the Same. To the same effect.

42. Petition of John Wilkes to the Same, to be appointed groom of the King's chamber, or Messenger Extraordinary.

43. Petition of John Wolley to the Council. Vindicates himself from a charge of exciting mutiny amongst the troops that were going to serve the Infanta. Only bought off a man, who had been much beaten by his officer, and who declared that he would rather die than serve against the faith he was brought up in. Prays leave to transport men in aid of the Hollanders.

44. Estimate that the charges of smelting and forging 1000 tons of bar iron are 5,680*l.*, the value thereof 16,000*l.*, and the profit therefore 10,320*l.*

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45. Tract addressed to the King, consisting of observations made by the writer in his travels on the causes of the prosperity and strength of certain nations, as free trade, encouragement of shipping, fishing, &c.; with propositions for increase of the revenue by a better use of the native commodities of England and its coasts, &c.

46. Project for the encouragement of fishing, by passing an Act of Parliament for building English fishing vessels, to be protected by a fleet royal of twenty ships, the expenses to be defrayed by a tribute of every tenth fish.

47. Reasons to induce the King to encourage the herring fishery on the coasts, and means suggested for guarding it, by raising a tax from the fish taken towards the expenses of a fleet for its protection.

48. Calculation of the damage which the English suffer by sixty ships employed by the Hollanders in transporting fish taken by His Majesty's subjects, being 621,750*l.* a year.

49. Proposition addressed to the King, for renewing a tax laid by Queen Elizabeth on the export of pilchards, herrings, salmon, hides, and tallow, the revenue therefrom to be appropriated to fortifying the strong places of the kingdom, under direction of the Council of War.

50. Particulars of the rental and tenants of the Manor of Bowley, co. Sussex, with an estimate of the value for sale.

51. Statement of losses sustained by Lord Beaumont on Measham coal mine.

52. Valuation of the bishoprick of Worcester, taken out of the First-fruits Office, being 1,049*l.* 17*s.* 3¾*d.*, with a calculation of tenths.

53. List of such companies as have not brought in their three years' contribution towards the late expedition against the pirates.

54. Articles exhibited by Sir John Lambe in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, against Amy, widow of John Foster, of Fleckney, co. Leicester, for undue administration of his estate, to the prejudice of the creditors of the deceased.

55. Note of all the brass ordnance in the forts, castles, and islands of England, according to the Survey taken in 1623, and other records in the Ordnance Office.

56. Certificate by the Commissioners appointed for survey of castles, of the state of the ordnance, buildings, &c., of the castles, bulwarks, and forts of the Cinque Ports, and general observations on their condition; with lists of the officers and garrison and their salaries; drawn up for Lord Zouch.

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57. Project [by Sol. Gen. Heath] for a proclamation stating the sums for which the King is willing to compound with his subjects for respite of homage, for which they now pay a rate every fifth term. If they do not compound within six months, they will thenceforward be compelled to do homage in person.

58. Explication of Rich. Harvey, plaintiff, in answer to Hercules Stourton, defendant. Will prove the truth of his bill against the false and uncertain reply of the defendant. Imperfect.

59. Answer of Geo. Withers to articles objected against him by the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastic. Printed his "Hymns and Songs of the Church," through assignees, by virtue of the King's grant. Being grossly abused by the Stationers' Company, wrote the "Scholars Purgatorie," which, though partly printed without licence by Geo. Wood, was not intended to be published without licence. Thinks the press was erected at Wood's own expense; 3000 copies of his book are to be printed, but only a few copies are struck off.

60. Information by a servant of Lord Gordon to [the Duke of Buckingham?], that six years before, the Marquis of Huntley resigned the hereditary Sheriffalties of Aberdeen and Inverness to the King, on promise of a pension to his son, Lord Gordon, which has remained six years unpaid. Intreats assistance in procuring it.

61. Supplication of Lord Gordon's servant to the King. Intreats his compassion on a noble family, almost ruined by non-payment of the allowance for the Sheriffalties. The Marquis of Huntley wishes the return of his son, Lord Gordon, [from France] but he cannot leave with credit without the money. Lord Gordon begs the King's letters for withdrawing his son Louis from his grandfather's keeping, that he may be properly educated in the pure faith, and also directions in the question between himself and the captain of the French Queen's company.

62. Statement by Lord Gordon's servant of four points on which his master intreats the King's resolution: 1st., The payment of the long owing debt for the Sheriffalties; 2d. His return home, which he resolves shall be as soon as he can leave with credit; 3d. The question relating to the French Queen's company, which he leaves to his Majesty; 4th. The withdrawal of his son Louis, in which he requests the King's favour.

63. Memoranda [by Sec. Conway] relative to provisoes for English trade, the political state of Europe, &c.

64. Proposal [by the Same] that England should join with the States of Holland in their West Indian voyage. Also that some enterprise should be undertaken, approved by a select company of merchants, to draw off idle people from the kingdom without cost to the King; that meanwhile treasure and munitions be provided, and soldiers trained, and notice taken of the proceedings of sectaries.

65. List of tenants of the Duchy of Cornwall in Devon and Cornwall, with notes of those who pay their fines for respite of homage yearly.

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1623? 66. Rent roll of Tutbury Manor. Total value 1,295*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.*

67. Rules laid down in Sir John Hawkins' time, for the government of an army at sea.

68. Account of money paid to Mr. Burrell for new ships built at Deptford, 1619–23.

69. List of sheriffs for 21 James I., in alphabetical order of counties.

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Jan. 1. 1. Examination of Ferdinando Kelly and Owen Doulen. Heard Pierce Linnen, alias Butler, say, producing a bullet, that with it he should have killed the Duke of Buckingham.

Jan. 1? 2. Estimate of the charges of the navy, both ordinary and extraordinary, for the year 1624. Total, 28,975*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

Jan. 1. 3. [Lady Carleton] to Sir Benj. Rudyard. Recommends to him Lady Smith, a relation of her husband, as a wife, she being young, nobly born, fair, personable, very discreet, religious, and virtuous, a *bonne mesnagère*, with 400*l.* a year, which will be increased if she obtain her son's wardship.

Jan. 3. 4. Note of a warrant for releasing Capt. Hawley from the Gatehouse.

Jan. 3. London. 5. Chamberlain to Carleton. The King is in town, consulting about a Parliament to begin Feb. 11, but the writs, though ready, are stayed for the present. Sir Edw. Coke was sent for to Council, and told that the King specially needed his services in a commission to Ireland, and he was to go in forty days. After a pause, he promised obedience, and is gone into the country to prepare. The prince laboured to save him the journey, as he is seventy-four years old, and other constructions will be put on this employment, but failed. Sir Edwin Sandys, Sir Wm. Jones, and Auditor Phelips, are joint commissioners with him. Dr. Whiting, silenced for a sermon at Court, is restored. The Papists hang down their heads, but say the match is not quite off, as Gresley has gone over with a new proxy; but they conceal that it is not to be performed till the Infanta is on shipboard, the Spaniards being so affronted with the late delays. Inijosa is angry with Buckingham and Rutland for hindering the match. The best sign is that Gresley is ordered to recall his Lord [the Earl of Bristol], one reason for it being that he and Sir Walter Aston do not act in union. Lord Kensington's journey to France is postponed, but long conferences are held with the French Ambassador, which some think is to arouse the Spanish. The Earl of Oxford, after twenty months' imprisonment, is released from the Tower. He went thence to the Earl of Exeter's, and, on New Year's Day, married Lady Diana Cecil, with a portion of 30,000*l.*, and thence to Court, where he received good words and counsel. He

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was introduced by Buckingham, who has had difficulty in obtaining his release. It is whispered that he has prevailed in few things since his return from Spain. A Dunkirk vessel was robbed at Ratcliffe by some sailors. Much practising for the masque on Twelfth Night, and feasts given by the nobility. The prince and his train were present at a banquet at the Earl of Bridgewater's.

Jan. 3. Nuthurst. 6. Thos. Trussell to Sec. Conway. Has heard a rumour of the calling of a Parliament. Thinks that it would injure the State to call it by a new process, as the Proclamation declaring the last to be no session, although the subsidies had been collected, was held a dangerous precedent, and it would be a good work to put in joint again the dislocated links of the commonwealth. Hopes a way may be found to recall the same members, and thus continue the former session. They were rash about the Spanish business, but thinks they would work better than newly elected members, who would be less informed. Advises Conway to suggest this to the King.

Jan. 3. Warrant to deliver to Norroy King at Arms a coat of the King's arms, as now marshalled, wrought on velvet with fine Venice gold. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 3. Grant to Jas. Martin, a Scot, of denization. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 3. Warrant to the farmers of the customs to pay to Robt. Barefoot 300*l.*, out of the rent of the customs, as the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 5. Grant to Dr. Art. Duck of the office of King's Advocate in the Earl Marshal's Court. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 5. Charing Cross. 7. Chas. Lord Stanhope to Sec. Conway. Requests that Wm. Cole of Coleman Street, and Thos. Derby of Finsbury, hackney-men, who scornfully refused to obey orders to provide horses for the King's posts, and beat the messenger sent to demand them, may be taken prisoners.

Jan. 5. Lydd. 8. Jurats of Lydd to Lord Zouch. Present him with some wild fowl.

Jan. 6. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Mayor of Helstone, in Cornwall. For procuring a burgess's place in Parliament. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. 6. Whitehall. The Same to Mr. Harris. To the same purpose. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 6. Westminster. 9. The King to the Justices of Buckinghamshire and to John Hampden and John Crane. To take measures for satisfying a debt of upwards of 400*l.*, due to Jane, widow of Wm. Lancaster, serjeant of the acatry, for provisions for the household delivered by him on behalf of that county, the promised payment of which has long been delayed. Appoints Sir Marmaduke Darell, John Hampden, and others, to examine defaulters and order their payments, and if necessary to levy a general tax on the county.

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Jan. ? 10. Petition of Ralph Amner, Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, to the King, to intercede with the Dean and Canons of Windsor not to put him out of the standing chapel of Windsor, for being now His Majesty's servant, as many of that chapel hold other appointments.

Jan. 7. 11. The King to the Dean and Canons of Windsor. Requests that Ralph Amner may not be deprived of his place in that chapel, because called to the Chapel Royal, but may have leave of absence, as granted to others, both of that chapel and the Chapel Royal, who hold other places.

Jan. 8. 12. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Council. Cannot give an opinion on the action brought by Thos. Kightley against Wm. Canning, the latter producing many witnesses to prove that Kightley declared it to be "neither just nor honest to deliver up the patent" [*of the Virginia Company, see Council Register, Dec.* 8, 1623,] whilst Kightley produces the certificate of 24 persons, who were present and declare that he never uttered such words. They had a quarrel in Court, and, meeting next day on the Exchange, Canning struck Kightley, for which a jury gave Kightley 20*l.* damages.

Jan. 8. Penshurst. 13. Earl of Leicester to Sec. Conway. Friendly remembrance, and acknowledgment of obligation.

Jan. 8. Northbourne. 14. Sir Edw. Sandys to the Same. Is prevented from attending the Lords by a double infection, the small pox and purple ague, prevalent in the nearest town, Sandwich, and its neighbourhood, and very fatal. Several of his own house have been ill.

Jan. 8. 15. Note by Stephen Davey, keeper of the Wiltshire Hall, of Wiltshire and Oxfordshire cloths brought to Blackwell Hall; total 1022, of which 35 remain unsold.

Jan. 8. 16. Note of cloth from cos. Gloucester, Worcester, Berks, and Suffolk, brought to Blackwell Hall, and of the proportions still unsold; certified by John Mackreth, keeper of the halls for those counties.

Jan. 9. 17. Instructions for John Chudleigh, Captain of the Charles. He is to clear the coast of pirates between St. Helen's, Isle of Wight, and Dungeness; to repress the insolencies of men-of-war in violently rescuing ships or prizes in the harbours or on the coasts; to prevent any traffic between the inhabitants of the coasts and pirates; to be careful of his own stores, &c.

Jan. 10. Devonshire House. 18. Earl of Devonshire to the Council. According to their instructions, the musters of Derbyshire were held, the troops reviewed by himself in August, and orders given for buying modern arms, when any decay.

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Jan. 10. Newcastle. 19. Capt. Thos. Jackson to Sec. Conway. Will not speak of the lamentable complaints of a multitude of distressed and starving poor, as a private man ought not to consider a public calamity his own; but prays Conway's influence for his restoration to His Majesty's favour. Rejoices at the return of the hopeful Prince. *Annexes,*

19. 1. *The Same to the late Lord Treas. Salisbury. The reason of the former failure of attempts against France was its alliance with Scotland, which being now obviated, recommends a war against France, and the vindication of the King's claim thereto, that it may be made a kingdom for the Duke of York. Berwick will be the best school in which the King can teach the Scots religion and obedience.*

Jan. 10. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a bill for Jonas Garway to succeed Mr. Kirkham as Clerk of the Signet. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. 10. Whitehall. 20. [The Same] to the Recorder of London. Has stayed a complaint received against John Burdett, vintner, who is converting a dwelling-house near Cripplegate into a tavern, and refers it to the city, to give them an opportunity of rectifying the abuse, they having been frequently ordered to repress the multiplicity of taverns.

Jan. Minute of the above, dated Jan. 11. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. 12. Dover Castle. 21. Lord [Zouch] to the Mayor of Dover. Nominates, as before, Sir Rich. Younge to be one of the burgesses for Dover, hoping the town is satisfied with his previous services.

Jan. 12. 22. Sir Hen. Goodere to Sec. Conway. To intercede with Buckingham to present and favour his petition to the King, his estate being desperate. Mrs. Somerville intreats Conway to write to the Archbp. of Canterbury in favour of her petition.

Jan. 12. Sandwich. 23. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Mr. Parbo cannot attend his Lordship on the day fixed for examining the petition exhibited against them.

Jan 12. Rye. 24. Mayor of Rye to the Same. According to an order from the Bp. of Chichester, Mr. Warren has taken charge of the cure, and Mr. Whittaker is dismissed; has used the best means he could to persuade the people to peace. The churchwardens are wishful to appear before his Lordship.

Jan 13. Lydd. 25. Mayor and Jurats of Lydd to the Same. Send him a present of wild fowl.

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Jan. 13. Hastings. 26. Mark Sargeant to Lord Zouch. Has seized for his Lordship a broadcloth of 30 yards, which was about to be transported to Dieppe uncustomed.

Jan. 13. Hastings. 27. The Same to Sam. More. To remind the Lord Warden to order the small boat to be prized by two or three fishermen.

Jan. 13. [Whitehall.] 28. [Sec. Conway] to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Thought their former reply to the petition on behalf of Rich. Cocks, touching a fine imposed on him for refusing the office of Sheriff, satisfactory; but though they have strict justice on their side, the case seems one in which charity to the distressed widow and fatherless children [of Cocks] requires favourable dealing.

Jan. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. [14?] 29. Justices of Somersetshire to Sec. Conway. Three prisoners were brought before them at the Wells sessions, Geo. Alexander, a Macedonian, John Millos, a Syrian, and their interpreter, Geo. Jackson, of Snow-hill, St. Sepulchre's parish, London; all committed because, having a Latin letter from the King to foreign Princes in their favour, they have had it translated into English, and printed, with alterations so contrived as to make it seem that His Majesty commends them to the charity of his own subjects. Reasons for suspecting their Latin letter to be a forgery; ask directions whether they are to be found guilty only of abusing a lawful grant, or of forging the grant also, and whether they shall be tried at the assizes, or sent up to Sec. Conway. *Inclose,*

29. I. *Letters of safe conduct from the King in behalf of Alexander and Millos, recommending them to foreign Princes, as having been despoiled and taken captives by the Turks, but released on hostage, that they might appeal to the charity of Christians to collect money for their ransom. Oatlands, July* 2, 1623. *Latin.*

29. II. *Translation of the above letter, with slight differences. Printed.*

Jan. 14. Charing Cross. 30. Sir Robt. Naunton to Buckingham. The King having expressed a wish to use his (Naunton's) service in Parliament, the University [of Cambridge], at the Lord Keeper's request, has chosen him their member; hopes not to appear on that stage a less person than before; relies on His Majesty's gracious promises to give him a place equal to or better than that which he parted with. Wishes to be freed from restraint at once, lest it be thought that his liberation proceeds from Parliament.

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Jan. 14. Grant to Jas. Maxwell and his heirs, on rental, of the Manors of Felton, Thorneton, Newton Hall, Gosforth, and other lands in Northumberland, value 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann., late the possessions of Sir Wm. Lisle, attainted. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 14. Warrant for a grant to Sir Jas. Fullerton and Jas. Maxwell, of lands value 300*l.* a year, to the use of Jane Murray, widow, and Henry her son, on surrender by her of an annuity of 500*l.* [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 14. Warrant for a grant to the Earl of Holderness and his heirs, of lands to be chosen by himself, value 500*l.* a year, and also of copyhold lands value 100*l.*, such as he may desire to have enfranchised. [*Docquet, Jan.* 14 *and* 27.]

Jan. 14. Grant to Fras. Townley and Greg. Butler and their heirs, on rental and payment of 995*l.* 5*s.*, of copyhold lands in Burnley and other places belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, value 24*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.* per ann. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Sandwich. 31. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Have agreed with Mr. Parbo to attend his Lordship on Monday next.

Jan. 16. Leicester. 32. [Justices] of Leicestershire to the Council. Request assistance in obtaining from Sir Hen. Hastings, of Braunstone, son and heir of the late Walter Hastings, the balance of a sum of 386*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*, and a bond, entrusted to his late father by the county, for buying and furnishing a house of correction, &c.

Jan. 16. Royston. Sec. Conway to the Archbp. of Canterbury and Committee for Sutton's Hospital. Refers to them a petition and complaint of Mrs. Beaumont. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. 16. Royston. The Same to the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. To recover one of the King's hawks, lost near Royston. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 17. London. 33. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The masque for Twelfth Night was postponed, on account of the jealousies about precedence between the French and Spanish Ambassadors, though the pretext was the illness of the King, who has gone to Theobalds, and, against the advice of his physicians, will go to Newmarket to see some new hawks fly. A French Baron, a good falconer, has brought him 16 cast of hawks from the French King, with horses and setting dogs; he made a splendid entry with his train by torch-light, and will stay till he has instructed some of our people in his kind of falconry, though he costs His Majesty 25*l.* or 30*l.* a day. The Venetian and French Ambassadors have had audience, but those of Spain had a previous one of an hour in private, after which the

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Prince and then the Duke were called in. What passed is not known, but they came out very sad; the Duke took to his bed, and the Prince stayed with him, instead of going with the King. The last few days have made great alterations, and the proverb that "Tottenham is turned French" is quite changed into Spanish. The Spaniards promise wonders, as to send over the Infanta at their own cost in April, with half the dower in hand; to leave matters of religion to the king; to restore the Palatinate by treaty or arms. Without God's help, these syren songs will lure the nation to shipwreck. Sir Edwin Sandys obtained his election for Kent, by crying down his rivals, Sir Nich. Tufton and Sir Dud. Diggs, as papist and royalist, but he will fail, being already a Commissioner for Ireland, and therefore incapable of election, and His Majesty will be but the more incensed against him. Sir Edw. Coke is chosen for several places, but he pretends to go cheerfully [to Ireland], though privately telling his friends that he does not expect to see them again. Sir Isaac Wake is going for Venice, with a commission to keep agents in Italy and Switzerland, if we break with Spain; but that king orders his ambassador by all means to continue the negotiation, and threatens to punish all who speak against it. Sir Robt. Shirley, with his Persian wife, has arrived, and has asked audience as ambassador; he lives with his sister, Lady Crofts.

Jan. 18. St. Martin's Lane. 34. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends a dispensation, which the King is intreated to sign, for excusing Lord Wharton's attendance in Parliament, he being aged and weakly. Has ordered Sir Thos. Roe not to yield precedence to the French Ambassador, but to avoid if possible any contest on the point.

Jan. 18. Lincoln. 35. Dr. John Farmery to [Wm.] Boswell. The coolness of some and poverty of most of the clergy of this poor county has rendered the contribution for the Palatinate far short of the proportion. Sends up the accounts. Begs an allowance for his own trouble and expense in collecting it. Dr. Gooch, Chancellor of Exeter, is allowed 6*d.* in the pound.

Jan. 19. London. 36. Edm. Lysse and Robt. Hassard to Nicholas. Recommend the suit of the bearer Jas. Knot, for restoration of his ship, which, being freighted from Lyme Regis to Rochelle, was seized for service in the wars, with promise of restoration afterwards, and since sold in Dover, and arrested on Lord [Zouch's] warrant.

Jan. 19. Newmarket. 37. The King to the Master, &c. of Jesus College, Cambridge. To elect John Hume to the next vacant Fellowship, notwithstanding any statute of the college to the contrary.

Jan. 20. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To receive an information concerning treasonable words spoken by Ezekiel Grosse. Sends a warrant to summon Grosse to appear in London to answer the charges. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

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Jan. [20]. 38. Martin Lumley, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to the Council. Have examined the petition of the needle-makers against the use of the engine for needle-making, and find that the engine endangers the limbs of those who work it, although, being aliens, they refuse to appear and give evidence in the case; also that it deprives many poor needle-makers of the means of earning a livelihood, and employs bad materials. Advise its entire suppression, with proviso that the price of needles be not thereby increased.

Jan. 21. 39. Bond of Wm. Lithgow in 200*l.*, for good behaviour, and appearance before Council when required, &c. Latin.

Jan. 22. 40. Locke to [Carleton]. Her Ladyship's petticoat is progressing, and will be done in a month. Lord Coke has his commission and tacklings sent, that he may be gone for Ireland, &c.

Jan. 23. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Middlesex. To provide moneys for Sir Wm. Alexander, who is to be employed on the King's special service. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 103.]

Jan. 23. St. James's. 41. Prince Charles to Lord Zouch. Sees no cause whatever, in the allegations produced against Sir Hen. Mainwaring, to prevent his re-admission to the Lieutenancy of Dover Castle. Does not question his Lordship's entire right to dispose of the place, but, for anything that yet appears, thinks Sir Henry a discreet and able gentleman, and worthy of some good employment.

Jan. 23. 42. Copy of the above.

Jan. 23. Whitehall. 43. Petition of John Rhodes to the Council, that Sir John Denham, who reported on his former petition complaining of his father's unkindness, may prescribe a competent maintenance to be allowed him. With reference thereon to Baron Denham, and his report that on account of the large fortune which the petitioner's mother brought in marriage, 30*l.* a year is the lowest maintenance that his father should assign him.

Jan. 24. Godmanchester. 44. Sir Robt. Osborne to Sec. Conway. The Sheriff of Huntingdonshire, going by commission from Chancery to take possession of the manor of Staughton from John Throgmorton, and deliver it to Mr. Wauton, was resisted, and several of his men slain or wounded. The house is double-moated and of great strength, and the company, most of whom are Papists, have intrenched themselves in it, with aid of divers foreigners who have joined them, and they do many unlawful acts.

Jan. 24. 45. Copy of the above.

Jan. 25. 46. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. Sends such a narrative of proceedings touching the Palatinate as he can gather from his papers, for Sir Robt. Anstruther's instructions.

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Jan. 25. Kennegy. 47. Art. Harris to John Verney. Regrets inability to help him to a Burgess-ship. Did his best for their kinsman, Mr. Secretary, but lost the election by a single voice, through the absence of some friends of St. Ives. The Prince's letters disappointed many, for few towns were left unsolicited by him.

Jan. 25. [London.] Sec. Conway to the Justices of Somersetshire. Concerning two Grecians, committed prisoners there, for abusing the King's passport. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 104.]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to [Thos.] Read. To prepare letters of credence for Sir Robt. Anstruther and Sir Isaac Wake. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal for Sir Isaac Wake's allowances and a warrant for his plate. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. Sends him certain abstracts. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Concerning a request of the Infanta for leave to transport ordnance; requests a copy of the regulation for Ambassadors' entertainments. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 26. Chelsea. 48. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Will soon send a satisfactory account to the King, on the demands of Don Carlos and Mons. Van Male, concerning the imposition of one per cent. on hops, and the export of iron ordnance. Will complete the regulation of allowances to Ambassadors, but meanwhile the consultation is where to provide moneys for those who are awaiting their dispatch.

Jan 26. Hereford. 49. Bp. of Hereford to the King. Dr. Best opposes both His Majesty's recommendations, viz.: that of Dr. Richardson, 13 years Reader of the Divinity Lecture in Hereford Cathedral, as Residentiary of the Cathedral, and that of Dr. Godwin to succeed Richardson as reader.

Jan. 26. Rye. 50. Mayor, &c., of Rye to Sir Edw. Conway [jun.] and John Angell. Have chosen them as their Barons in Parliament, and request them to come down to be sworn in as freemen, and to receive the requisite information on what is to be done in Parliament for their benefit. Damaged.

Jan. 27. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To spare the appearance of Sir Hen Fiennes in the High Commission Court, and to forbear, until orders, all further proceedings against him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 104.]

Jan. 27. Newmarket. The Same to the Same. In favour of Mrs. Harrison. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 27. St. Martin's Lane. 51. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Asks the King's pleasure on a suit of the East India merchants for a point conceded to them in the treaty with the States. The Turkey merchants request a letter from His Majesty, as a necessary compliment to the Grand Seignior on his accession.

Jan. 27. 52. Wm. Chesterman to [the Same]. Mr. Chancellor [of the Exchequer] says the business for settling the entertainments of Ambassadors will come before Council to morrow. Sends Sir Isaac Wake's Privy Seal.

Jan. 27. 53. Sir Wm. Cockayne and others [of the East India Company] to the Council. Regret their displeasure about Capts. Pett and Giles. Have already paid Capt. Giles more than his due. Agreed with Capt. Pett to build two pinnaces for 1,270*l.*; have given him great sums, conceived to be equal to his demands, and are ready to receive his accounts and pay over the balance, but he refuses this. Request reference to the Navy Commissioners or others.

Jan. 27. 54. Capt. Phineas Pett, and other [Shipwrights to the Navy Commissioners?]. Have examined the tonnage of the ten new ships, and find them to be fully equal to the certificates delivered in.

Jan. 55. Note by S. Welles of the length, breadth, depth, burden, and tonnage of the ten new ships.

Jan. ? 56. Abstract showing the excess of tonnage above the contract, in the ten new ships; with estimate of their cost per ton.

Jan. 27. 57. Order of the Lord Mayor's Court, on complaint sent by Sec. Conway, forbidding John Burdett, of Cripplegate, to proceed in converting his dwelling house into a tavern.

Jan. 27. Warrant for paying over the sums collected on the new imposition on wines to Philip Burlamachi and Philip Jacobson, to be by them remitted to Sir Dud. Carleton, for defraying the allowance of 500*l.* a month to the Prince Elector Palatine, and 1000*l.* to the Lady Elizabeth, Electress Palatine. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 27. Grant to Wm. Love, the King's Yeoman Farrier for hunting horses, of 80*l.*, being portion of a fine of 160*l.* imposed on Edw. Alpe, for engrossing butter and cheese; with reservation of the dues of Dr. Chambers, collector of fines and forfeitures. [*Docquet*

Jan. 28. 58. Reasons for continuance to the paymasters of the poundage out of the wages of the posts, viz., the heavy charges of the Paymasters; their trouble in settling the accounts of the posts, many of whom assign over their pay to their creditors; their continual attendance in town; the antiquity of the allowance, never questioned but by turbulent Hutchins; and the lucrative places of the posts, many of whom employ deputies, to whom they only give a fourth of what they receive.

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Jan. 28. 59. Abstract of the state of the King's revenue, showing, that the ordinary income exceeds the ordinary expenditure, but that to supply the deficiencies caused by the general pardon, and by anticipations on the income of the present year, 160,219*l.* will be required.

Jan. 29. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Mr. Draper. To send some one for a hawk of the King's, taken up in Kent. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 104.]

Jan. 29. St. James's. 60. Sir Jas. Fullerton to Sec. Conway. The Lord Treasurer hesitates to pass the King's grant to a young Scottish gentleman, of land in Ireland, as escheated to the Crown for want of his father's denization, on pretext that Sir Wm. Smith has a right to all the lands granted to Viscounts Montgomery and Claneboye, but he would pass it, on an absolute grant from the King of the land, whether devolving by escheat or otherwise. This is more than was requested, but meanwhile the delay causes risk of the land being let on lease by the Lord Deputy.

Jan. 29. 61. Sir John Bourchier to the Same. Has at last got his new patent drawn, and an instrument authorizing Sir Geo. Goring, Conway, and the Solicitor General, to settle the contracts. The Eastland Company's objections are reduced to two:—disposal of the potash now on hand, and compensation for the loss of their trade. Has bought 9,000*l.* worth of potash, and will purchase their remaining stock, worth 30,000*l.*, when the matter is settled. Offered the King at first 10,000*l.* for the soap and alum, but, finding his Majesty's intended bounty to Conway and others, hopes to enlarge Conway's share by 1000*l.* a year. *Incloses,*

61. I. *Proposal that the soap and alum works be in the King's own hands, and let on rental for* 6000*l.*; 20,000*l. profits are calculated to His Majesty from the allowance of* 2*l. per ton on soap, and he is also to have Sir Paul Pindar's great diamond, worth* 35,000*l. The works will require* 80,000*l. capital, which can be provided without the King's assistance, and Sir Arthur Ingram, now farmer of the alum works, compensated.*

Jan. 30. 62. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Sends the grant for making soap of English materials, and another, granting to Conway, Sir Geo. Goring, and himself, the surveyorship of the soap and receivership of the profits, with power to contract with the patentees for performance of their undertaking, and with an agent for the King, to take the soap at a certain price, and sell it again at a higher, between which prices his Majesty's profits are to arise. The Eastland merchants have given in a reasonable answer about the sale of potash, so that all difficulties are ended.

Jan. 30. 63. Reply and request of the Eastland merchants to the Commissioners for the new soap business. Though they will be losers by the invention, potash being a fourth part of their trade, they consent to it, if found generally beneficial; but request that their present stock

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of potash may be taken from their hands; that the Proclamation forbidding importation of Eastland commodities except by themselves, may include their import from any country as well as the East countries, since the Hollanders dress flax and hemp themselves, and then bring it in as the produce of their own land; that an allowance of ten per cent. may be made for their loss by the base foreign coin which they will now have to bring in instead of potash; and that they may be protected from interlopers.

Jan. 30. St. Martin's Lane. 64. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends letters from abroad. Asks if Sir Thos. Roe is to be encouraged in his proposition to the Ministers of Bethlehem Gabor on behalf of the King of Bohemia, and thanked for his vigilant care on all occasions to further the restitution of the King's son-in-law.

Jan. 30. Loughton. 65. Mary Lady Wroth to the Same. To procure for her a renewal of the King's protection from her creditors, for another year. Has paid half her debts, and hopes to pay the remainder in the year. *Incloses,*

65. I. *Note by Lady Mary Wroth of the debts she has discharged, &c.*

Jan. 30. Royston. 66. Sir Robt. Anstruther to the Same. Has ventured, though without warrant, to post off to Yorkshire, being summoned by the dangerous illness of Sir Robt. Swift, his father-in-law, with whom he has some money matters to settle. Begs to be excused. Will be back next week, before the Lord Treasurer has the King of Denmark's interest money ready, though the Prince is urgent about it.

Jan. 30. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the East India Company. Asks their advice on an offer from the King of Persia for free trade, brought to His Majesty by Sir Robt. Shirley, whose expenses must be defrayed. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 104.]

Jan. 30. Newmarket. The Same to the Turkey Company. Of the same tenor. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 30. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Acquaints him with the two preceding letters, and requests him to consult with the merchants thereon. Sir Robt. Shirley must be defrayed. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 30. 67. Examination of Simon Penny, of Canterbury. Desires time to answer whether he said that Sir William Lovelace had crossed himself before the French and Spanish Ambassadors, or intimated that he was a Papist, when urging some one to vote for Mr. Scott and Mr. Denn to be burgesses for the city, rather than Sir Wm. Lovelace, who is captain of the city.

Jan. 30? 68. The King to the Governor of the Charterhouse. Desires them to elect David Waterhouse as a poor brother, on the first vacancy. Indorsed is a note [by Conway's secretary], for inquiry

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from the Master of the Hawks and Mr. Potts, as to the number of chains that should be given to the falconers of the Frenchmen.

Jan. 30. [Newmarket.] 69. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King, wishing to be disburdened of the noble falconers, desires expedition of their presents. He wishes his picture and the case garnished with diamonds, with a chain set in diamonds, value 800*l.* or 1,000*l.*, to be ordered.

Jan. 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 105.]

Jan. 30. Newmarket. 70. [The Same] to the Same. The Spanish Ambassadors are to be informed that no licence was granted to the Hollanders to transport iron ordnance, further than that the King, wanting money, permitted what could be spared to be sold to those who gave the most for it. His Majesty wishes those who are to be employed abroad to be dispatched.

Jan. 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 105.]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. 71. The Same to [Wm.] Chesterman. To deliver a letter to the Duchess of Richmond. Wishes to hear from Mr. Sutton whether the choice is made at Warwick. Depends on that for writing into the Low Countries.

Jan. 31. London. 72. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The King is still at Newmarket, but the Prince has returned to town. The junta for foreign affairs sit closely upon the match. The Lord Keeper, Treasurer, Marshal, Weston, and Sec. Calvert are for it; Duke of Richmond, Hamilton, Lord Chamberlain Pembroke, and Belfast, neuter; Buckingham, Carlisle, and Conway, against it. The Prince seems very averse to it, both on grounds of state and religion, and this changed some of the neuters; but the Lord Chamberlain said he saw not how the King or those who swore to the treaty could fall away, if the Spaniards performed their part. This was done from pique against Buckingham, whose entire engrossing of the Prince's favour, as well as the King's, causes some heartburning in many who aim to take him down; so he keeps close to His Majesty, and prevents all access to him. The junta wish to throw the responsibility of so weighty a matter on Council or on Parliament. The elections are hopeful, little attention being paid to great men's recommendations. The Prince has failed as yet to get Sir Fras. Cottington chosen. Particulars of sundry elections. Sir Edw. Coke's journey [to Ireland] is respited till May, and Sir Edwin Sandys has made his peace by a promise of all manner of conformity. Sir Hen. Wotton is ill, and retiring to the country to finish a work on mathematics, or build castles in the air; yet he is said to be Provost of Eton, on resigning his reversion of the Mastership of the Rolls to Sir Ralph Freeman, who resigns his Mastership of Requests to Sir Wm. Beecher.

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Jan. 31. 73. Archbp. Abbot and Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Intreat him to recommend to the King the petition of two poor Grisons, who have been extraordinary sufferers in their country's calamities, that they may have leave to crave the benevolence of charitable people. Desire favour for five other Grisons named.

Jan. 74. Earl of Oxford to Buckingham. Requests him to procure warrants from the King that the Bill against him in the Star Chamber be taken off the file, and his papers in Sec. Calvert's hands restored ; cannot think himself freed from the storm that has struck him, till this be done. Commends Mr. Hawley's suit for the gift of [the outlawry of] Mr. Courtney, convicted of murder.

Jan. 75. List, by the Earl of Exeter, of those who were backward in showing light horse at the late musters at Northampton. With note of such as have been sent for.

Jan? 76. Eliz. Lady Savage to the Duchess of Lenox. To know the state of the Duke's health. Urges a suit in favour of a poor servant of her grandmother for a year's liberty. Lord St. John and her daughter send remembrances.

Jan.? 77. Petition of Thos. Austyn to the King. Has not yet received a reply to his project to punish by a penal statute, called the Statute of Deceit, the intolerable abuses of lawyers and others in the execution of justice, which would bring in a million in fines. Requests him to except from the general pardon, now shortly to be issued, all offences against the Statute of Deceit, the fines on which, for five years past only, would yield 300,000*l.*, and scourge none but those who have already been a scourge to others.

Jan. 78. [John Evelyn?] to the Commissioners of the Navy. Reports the quantities of saltpetre brought into the King's stores by the saltpetre men to whom the several counties are assigned, and how far it falls short of or exceeds the proportions assigned to be brought in by each. Indorsed with notes of offenders who are to be examined. *Annexing,*

78. I. *Names of the offenders above reported, and of the quantities of saltpetre which were agreed to be delivered weekly [to the King's stores].*

Jan.? 79. Plan for removal of nuisances in London, by dividing the suburbs into four districts, and appointing Commissioners in each to inquire into them.

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Feb. 1. 1. Commissioners of the Navy to Sir Robt. Pye. Of the 1,600*l.* due for the Navy, for November and December 1623, 700*l.* is to be paid to the Treasurer and 900*l.* to the Surveyor of Victuals.

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Feb. 1. 2. Petition of John Hanmer, Bishop nominate of St. Asaph, to the King, for permission to retain the Prebend in Worcester which he now holds, and to have the Archdeaconry of St. Asaph and other benefices, value 150*l.* per ann., in addition to his bishoprick, the revenues of which are small. With reference thereon to the Attorney General, Jan. 28, Newmarket; and his report that if the 150*l.* a year include the Archdeaconry and prebend, the grant will not exceed what was done for the Bishop's predecessor.

Feb. 1. 3. Lord Kensington to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his favours. Is entering a path [the French Embassy] that would be difficult for those of greater experience than he can pretend to, and beseeches his counsel and judgment in levelling difficulties. Will write to him weekly.

Feb. 1. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Concerning Mr. Stevenson's protection. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 106.]

Feb. 2. [Newmarket.] 4. [The Same] to the Master, &c. of Queen's College, Cambridge. Wishes for an answer to a request made on the King's behalf, for admission of Geo. Beardsey to a Fellowship in their house.

Feb. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 106.]

Feb. 2. Newmarket. 5. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The bill against the Earl of Oxford, which remains on the file in the Starchamber, is to be taken off, that, as his offence is forgiven, no record may remain against him.

Feb. 3. [Newmarket.] 6. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The King, having satisfied his justice by accepting the written submission of the Earl of Oxford, wishes no records to remain of his errors, freely acknowledged and forgiven, and therefore ordered the withdrawal of the Star Chamber bill, and commands the return to the Earl of all his examinations, and of the papers taken from him before or since his commitment.

Feb. 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 106.]

Feb. 3. [Newmarket.] 7. [The Same] to the Same. The King has been so drowsy that he could only keep himself awake by playing at cards, and therefore business has been neglected. Returns the letters of the Foreign Ambassadors, but can obtain no directions upon them, not even upon that of Sir Thos. Roe, which is urgent. His Majesty will have the petition of the East India Company referred to such of the Commissioners, formerly appointed to treat with the Hollanders, as are about town. They are to regulate the business of the forts consistently with the security of the merchants, and only to allow such ordnance to be exported as is needful for trade. Returns the dispensations of Lord Zouch, Lord Wotton, and the Earl of Bedford [for non-attendance in Parliament].

Feb. 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 106.]

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Feb. [3] [Newmarket.] 8. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a grant to Sir Wm. Grey of Northumberland, of the dignity of a Baron of England. Minute.

Feb. 3. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

Feb. 3. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Walter Pye. On behalf of Mr. Dunn. [*Minute, ibid., p.* 106.]

Feb. 3. Newmarket. The Same to Mr. Mitton. To the same purport. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 3. The Same to Sir Fras. Cottington. Sends him two books signed for the Prince, and a warrant to Sir Wm. Uvedale for 117*l.*, paid out of the Prince's moneys in Spain to M. Laere and Sebastian Rivera, who were sent thither with two packets. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 3. Newmarket. 9. Sir Geo. Goring to Carleton. The Prince declares himself more openly since he made his discoveries. The Spanish Ambassador reports that he (Goring) has set off, and did good service in a sea fight between the Dunkirkers and the Hollanders. There will be dangerous practices to break up the meeting of Parliament. Hopes wholesome and well-affected men will discover and prevent them. Buckingham keeps close to the King, and slacks not of his first pace, &c.

Feb. 4. London. 10. Sir Wm. Alexander to Sec. Conway. Fears the Lord Treasurer's delay in his dispatch will sacrifice substance to form, and discover the business. Suggests that Burlamachi might furnish him privately and quietly with money, by selling some iron ordnance which he is allowed to transport. The picture must be garnished with stones, because his master who is to have it, though a churchman, will expect what is due to his birth, and the King should not offer anything unworthy of himself. Fears the business is too much divulged, but hopes it may be managed so as to avoid disgrace, should it fail.

Feb. 4. 11. Sir Wm. Monson to [the Council]. In answer to the objections against the necessity of a lighthouse at the Lizard Point, viz., that ships enter the channel by day, not by night, and come in about Plymouth so as never to see the Lizard; that the Channel is so broad that it may be safely entered even by night, and that pirates would be advantaged by the light—states that mariners would gladly come in to the land earlier, if they had the Lizard light to secure them; mentions the shipwreck for want of it of a Spanish prize, value 100,000*l.*, sent home by the Earl of Cumberland in 1589. Mr. Cavendish endured more hazard in a storm off the Lizard than in circumnavigating the globe. Pirates, being so few in proportion, should not be allowed to prevent so great a good. Arguments to show the necessity of the lighthouse.

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Feb. 4. 12. Information of Robt. and Mary Chapman, of Langoll, Yorkshire, Jan. 27, 1624, of Alice Nicholson, Feb. 3, and of Alex. Inkersall of Langoll, Feb. 3; that they heard old Robt. Burton of Langoll say that he expected much alteration in this Parliament, and toleration of Popery; that there would be bloody work before May, for the Catholics would rise, and would be known by a ribbon in their hats, and that much mischief would ensue if the Spanish match were broken; confirmed in their re-examination, on Feb. 4.

Feb. 4. 13. Examination of Robt. Burton. Denies the speeches imputed to him, except that he had prophesied great alterations. Indorsed with note, that the examinations were sent by the Archbp. of Canterbury to the Clerk of the Council, Feb. 25.

Feb. 4? 14. Wm. West [of Firbeck, Justice of the West Riding of Yorkshire] to Sir Robt. Smith. Sends, at his request, the informations taken against Robt. Burton. *Prefixing,*

14. I. *Copy of the preceding informations.*

Feb. 4. Newmarket. 15. The King to Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a grant to Sec. Conway, Sir Geo. Goring, and himself, of the office of Surveyor of the soap works, with a fee of 60*l.*, and of receiver, with a fee of 40*l.*, with power to make contracts with the patentees, &c.

Feb. 5. 16. Sentence of deprivation, by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, of Edw. Wotton, vicar of Cardington, co. Salop, for adultery, also charging him with the expenses of the suit. Latin. Annexed to the signatures of the Bp. of Exeter and Sir Hen. Marten is a note, that they subscribe to the deprivation, but not to the payment of costs.

Feb. 5. Warrant for dispensing with the personal attendance of Sir Jas. Croft, one of the gentleman pensioners. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 5. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To order a dispensation for the Bp. of St. Asaph to hold certain livings in commendam. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

Feb. 6. Lincoln. 17. Mayor, &c. of Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Request assistance against Fras. Hornsey, who sues the constables of Lincoln for taking his mare, on a warrant for supplying post horses, although it was safely returned to him, and at the time he seemed willing to lend it. Such wrongful suits will beget backwardness and fearfulness in officers.

Feb. 6. Dover Castle. 18. Lord [Zouch] to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. Thanks him for rightly construing his meaning in offering him his voice [proxy] in Parliament, being wishful for it to be used for the good of church and country; beseeches his lordship to protect in Parliament the ancient privileges of the Cinque Ports which, through his own absence, old age, and infirmity, may be attacked.

Feb. 7. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath. To settle and perfect the soap business. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

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Feb. 7. Loddington. 19. Sir John Tracey to Sec. Conway. Has refrained out of respect from troubling him with idle letters, but hopes his love of Loddington will make welcome an assurance of the love and honour of the family.

Feb. 7. 20. Declaration by the Bp. of Chichester, of his appointment of the Bps. of London and St. David's as his proxy, in the ensuing Parliament. Latin.

Feb. 8. Theobalds. 21. Warrant for Giles Mompesson to pass the Ports, although he has overstayed the time of three months, limited by a former warrant for his stay in England, provided he sail within five days from the present date.

Feb. 8. London. 22. Sir Ferdinando Gorges to Buckingham. The warlike naval preparations of the King of Spain, made at a time when so much doubt and distrust have arisen between him and England, lead to the belief that they are designed against us, especially as he has lately raised dangerous factions both in England and Ireland. Will not presume to offer advice, though sometimes thought worthy to be consulted by the late Queen; but suggests the importance of providing in peace for war, and points out the ruinous condition of the ports and castles, which are utterly defenceless. Is ashamed of the state of that which he commands (Plymouth), and grieves to have lived to see it so.

Feb. 9. Theobalds. 23. The King to the Archbp. of York. Dispenses with his attendance at Parliament, on account of his age and infirmities, provided he sends his proxy.

Feb. 9? 24. Petition of Robt. Wood to the King, for letters and safe conduct to Poland for conveying a present of cormorants to the King there and the Prince his son.

Feb. 9. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 60*l.*, to Robt. Wood, appointed to carry six cormorants as a present to the King of Poland and his son. [Signature cut out. *Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 65.]

Feb. 9. 25. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Was requested by a person unknown, in Conway's name, to stay the patent creating Sir Wm. Grey a baron; but Sir William is urgent to have it passed, lest it should not be ready by the beginning of Parliament. Has therefore delivered the bill, and informs Conway thereof in order that he may stay it if necessary.

Feb. 10. Creation of Sir Wm. Grey, Bart., to the rank of Baron Grey, of Werke, co. Cumberland. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 11. Court at Whitehall. 26. Lord Steward Richmond and Lenox and Sir Thos. Edmondes to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The 500*l.* paid to Mr. Lamplugh, for the diet and expenses of the French falconers attending the King, is spent, and 200*l.* more is wanted.

Feb. 11. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Lord Stanhope. To order the posts on the road to Scotland to convey packets signed by Pat. Hamilton, who is to supply Mr. Douglas's place during his absence. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

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Feb. 11. Canterbury. 27. Sir Geo. Newman to Nicholas. Thinks the Lord Warden may restore three pieces of ordnance wrecked to the owner, a Frenchman, but may not give warrant for transporting them, that being "a thing peculiar to His Majesty."

Feb. 12. Brocklesby. 28. Sir Wm. Pelham to Sec. Conway. Wonders at the disputes between Buckingham and the Lord Chamberlain about the Spanish match, the latter being always supposed not to favour it. Hopes the nether House of Commons will be compounded of honest, religious gentlemen. The country augurs good, because there has been less labour than usual to bring in particular men. Those who give the chief place of dignity to the Pope cannot be true subjects, and Papists, by rejoicing at the loss of the Palatinate, and helping the Emperor, show how they stand affected. Great destruction of wild fowl at Crowley. If it were prevented, Newmarket would abound with fowl.

Feb. 12. 29. Copy of the latter part of the above.

Feb. 12. Whitehall. 30. The King to ——. Dispenses with his attendance on the Parliament on condition of his sending his proxy.

Feb. 12. 31. Certificate of Fras. Phelips, Auditor of the Exchequer, of the value of certain lands late of the monastery of Holme Cultram, Cumberland; given in preparatory to their being passed by lease.

Feb. 12. Westminster. 32. Exchequer Writ to the Sheriff of Staffordshire, to eject Edw. Lord Dudley from a messuage and 1000 acres of land in Sedgley, called the Lodge and the Old Park, &c., and to put Martha Harpur, executrix of Martha Gravenor, deceased, into quiet possession thereof. Latin.

Feb. 13. Westminster. 33. Letters of safe conduct for six months, to a servant of the King not named, who desires to go abroad. Latin.

Feb. 13. London. 34. Grant of arms by John Burroughs, Norroy King at Arms, to Wm. Halliday of London. Latin.

Feb. 13. 35. Leonora Lady Bennet to Sec. Conway. Hears that her husband's fine is about to be granted to Lady Crofts without regard to her distress. Lady Crofts tries to set her at variance with her husband, and threatens her with hard dealing, unless she will pass some lands to her [Lady Crofts'] daughter, married to her husband's son.

Feb. 13. Serjeants' Inn. 36. Sir Thos. Chamberlain to the Same. Has succeeded in paying most of the incumbrances on Mrs. Maynett's land, which she agreed to sell to Mr. Cartwright, and had arranged the sale on terms specified, which were consented to by both parties, but now Mrs. Maynett makes fresh and unreasonable demands.

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Feb. 13. [Whitehall.] 37. [Sec. Conway] to Mr. Meautys, Clerk of the Council. To deliver to the Earl of Oxford a red box with papers sealed up in it, remaining in the Council Chamber, which was taken from his chamber at the time of his restraint. Minute.

Feb. 13. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw up a draft of a proclamation. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. The Same to the Recorder of London. To make search for a book in a shop in Pope's Head Alley. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 14. Whitehall. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To prepare a present for Francisco de Rota. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 14. Abington, near Northampton. 38. Sir Edm. Hampden to Nat. Tomkins. Having heard that Thos. Rogers, of Northampton, spoke words dishonouring to God, the King, Prince, and Prince Palatine, went thither with the Mayor and took examinations of witnesses thereon, which are sent up to be shown to some of the Council. Rogers has been a prisoner 11 years or more at the County Gaol, but allowed such liberty that he lived in his own house, went where he pleased, and only paid a fee to the gaoler. He professes ignorance of the cause of his committal, and says he will never take the Oath of Allegiance. Have sent him to prison; found much "Popish trash," books, MSS., &c., in his house.

[Feb. 14.] 39. Brief of the examinations, taken by the Mayor of Northampton and Sir Edm. Hampden, of Wm. Rogers, Geo. Wells, Robt. Sharpe, and Jos. Bryan. They heard Thos. Rogers, of Northampton, call the Palsgrave a rascally base fellow, assert that the Prince was married to the Infanta, and speak scornfully of the English bible, &c.

Feb. 15. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw a pardon for Geoffry Jones. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 107.]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. The Same to Sir Jas. Fullerton. Concerning a suit of Lady —— in the Prince's Court of Wards. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To bestow 10*l.*, as a reward to M. Bonavoe's cook, who was forgotten in the former list. [*Ibid., p.* 108.]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Concerning a libel under the title of "a supplication of the Scottish ministers," and for restraining unwarranted books. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 15. Westminster College. 40. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The King is very sensible of the wicked libel which traduces his person and government; it is stuffed with scandalous untruths, mentions preachers as imprisoned by Council who never were so, gives letters and speeches which never were written nor spoken, &c. The author might perhaps be detected by employing Mr. Bill to find out, by the type, where it was printed. All the copies met with must be suppressed,

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and a proclamation should be issued forbidding the reading of it, as filled with most foul and treasonable aspersions; also promising a reward for discovery of the author, and forbidding the printing or selling of any book not approved by an authorized person, as is done in other Christian countries,—a course which would be neither offensive nor inconvenient, and would prevent libels.

Feb. 15. 41. Note of the distribution of 4*l.*, given by Dr. Hanmer, Bp. of St. Asaph's, [to the servants of the Archbp. Abbot], at his consecration.

Feb. 16. Warrant to pay to the Earl of March 1,000*l.*, of the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. Warrant to pay to the Lord Chamberlain of the Household 800*l.*, to be disbursed according to the King's directions. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. Grant to Dr. Hanmer, Bishop elect of St. Asaph, of the temporalities of the Bishopric. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. Grant to Geo. Armstrong of the office of keeping the almshouses and stables at Theobalds.]*Docquet.*]

Feb. 16. Colchester. 42. Jonas Proast, in behalf of the Governor, &c., of the Dutch baize and say trade, to [the Clerk of the Council?] Requests appointment of a later day, on which they may have a full hearing before Council, and vindicate themselves from the frivolous complaints made against them by the English company.

Feb. 17. Whitehall. 43. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To renew the Commission of Lieutenancy for Wiltshire for the Earl of Pembroke, and, at his request, to insert Edw. Hungerford as Deputy Lieutenant, in room of his father, Sir Anthony, who resigns in his behalf.

Feb. 17. [Whitehall.] 44. [Sec. Conway] to the Justices of Assize for Lincoln. Requests them to punish Fras. Hornsey, who has entered a suit against the constables of Lincoln for taking his horse to serve a post stage for a gentleman who had a warrant from himself, although the horse was taken by consent, duly restored, and paid for at the usual rate. Such proceedings against inferior officers discourage them in doing their duty.

Feb. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 108.]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. The Same to the Mayor and Justices of Lincoln. On the same business. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Feb. 17. 45. Examination of Hen. Locker, of St. Andrew's, Holborn. Did not himself prophesy that two great cedars in England would shortly fall, but Gamaliel Cruys, who lives at his house, said so yesterday at 9 a.m., and that the two cedars were the Lord Keeper and Duke of Buckingham. They did not speak of the Duke of Lenox, nor hear of his death till an hour after.

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Feb. 17. 46. Examination of Robt. Cruys, Scholar of Emanuel College, Cambridge. His uncle, Gamaliel Cruys, said that two cedars would be suddenly cut down or fall, meaning two noblemen; asked him whether he meant the Duke of Lenox, or Buckingham, or the Lord Keeper, but he refused to say. Heard two hours after of Lenox's death.

Feb. 17. 47. Examination of Gamaliel Cruys, of Monmouth. Heard Hen. Locker say that one of two great cedars in England would shortly fall, and told him of the death of the Duke of Richmond that morning, the 16th. Did not hear him mention the Lord Keeper or Buckingham.

Feb. 17. 48. Examination of Wm. Danes, of Blackney, Norfolk. Heard Gamaliel Cruys say that a friend of his had prophesied that two great cedars should suddenly be cut down, and an hour after heard of the Duke of Lenox's death.

Feb. 17. 49. [Edw. Nicholas to Lord Zouch.] Hears that he intends to resign his office to the Earl of Dorset or some other nobleman; begs that he will recommend him to continue in his present place, under the succeeding Lord Warden.

Feb. 17. 50. Warrant to Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver of the Court of Wards, to pay 5,000*l.* to Sir Robt. Anstruther, for interest of 300,000 dollars borrowed from the King of Denmark.

Feb. 18. Grant to Alex. Stephenson, Page of the Bedchamber, and his sureties, of protection for a year. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 18. Grant to Percivall Burrell, now Minister at St. Peter's in the Tower, of the Rectory there, on decease or removal of the present incumbent. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 18. Presentation of Gervase Aldred to the Vicarage of Claybrooke, diocese of Lincoln. [*Docquet, Feb.* 18 *and March* 9.]

Feb. 18. Examination of Hen. Graye, of Canterbury. Simon Penny earnestly intreated him to give his vote to Mr. Scott, as burgess for the city, and said that Sir Edwin Sandys had warned them against Sir Wm. Lovelace, as a dangerous man. [*Dom. Corresp., Jan.* 30.]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. 51. Lord Chamb. Pembroke to Sir. Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. To pay 265*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Ralph Hendrie, Housekeeper of Ely House, for giving up six rooms which he inhabited there, to the use of the Spanish Ambassador, for 160 weeks. *Annexes,*

51. I. *Bill of Ralph Hendrie for allowance for rooms at Ely House, given up to the Spanish Ambassador.*

[Feb. 19.] 52. List of the Lords Temporal and Spiritual summoned for the Parliament, 12 Feb. 1624. Latin.

[Feb. 19.] 53. List of the Members of the House of Commons summoned to Parliament 12 Feb. 1624, in alphabetical order of counties, with a few alterations made later.

[Feb. 19.] 54. Similar list of the House of Commons.

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Feb. 19. 55. The King's speech on the opening of Parliament. Has called them together to remove previous misunderstandings ; would cherish his people as the husband does the wife. Wishes their advice in matters of the greatest moment. Has long been engaged in treaties, hoping to settle the peace of Christendom, but on account of the long delays, allowed his son to go to Spain, and thereby found how fallacious were the treaties. The Secretaries, with the Prince and Buckingham, will lay them before the Houses ; on their good advice depends the felicity of the kingdom. Never neglected religion as accused, nor intended more than a temporary alleviation of the penal statutes against Catholics. Urges them not to consume time fruitlessly, and to cast away all jealousy of himself, and needless exactness in points of privilege, &c. Knows that never was King more beloved than himself, and wishes them to be true mirrors of the people. [*Printed, with slight differences in the Lords' Journals, vol.* III., *p.* 209.]

Feb. 19. 56. Another report of the above speech, with differences.

[Feb. 19.] 57. Abstract of the above speech. French.

Feb. 19. 58. Tenor of the above speech [by Nicholas] abbreviated, and with considerable differences.

Feb. 19. 59. Substance of Lord Keeper Lincoln's speech [by Nicholas]. A "croaking chancellor" dares not follow up the wise and eloquent speech of the sovereign, by which all are so deeply impressed. Those who have heard the nightingale, care not to hear an imitation of it. Informs the Commons that the King has appointed Saturday next to receive their Speaker.

[Feb. 19.] 60. Speech [of Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household, in the House of Commons]. Their last parting was in sorrow for the unhappy distractions which have since proved so injurious to the State ; but time having cleared up many things, hopes former jealousies will be buried, and all will unite to advance the service of the King and kingdom. The present business is to choose a Speaker ; the King, having, as usual, given his opinion, has named Sir Thos. Crew, whose good parts are already well known to the House, and has thereby given an earnest of his willingness to comply with the desires of the House.

[Feb. 19.] 61. "A true platform, and manner of the sitting in the lower House
London. of Parliament, together with the names of knights, citizens, burgesses of the counties, cities, and borough townes of England and Wales, with the barony of the ports, comming to the Parliament, holden at the citie of Westminster, the twelfth day of February, 1623, Thos. Crew, Knight, sergeant-at-law, Speaker in that honourable assemblie," being a printed broadside containing a list of the members, with an engraving of the House of Commons then sitting. Printed.

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Feb. 20. Newcastle. 62. Sir Robt. Sharpeigh to Lord Zouch. Is at Newcastle to reform abuses touching sea coal; but as Mr. Fagge pleads the charter of Dover for many immunities, has dispensed with his payment till his return. Sends his Lordship for perusal an extract from the tables in the Custom House, relative to the grant of his employment.

Feb. 20. London. 63. Sir Horace Vere to [Carleton]. Is troubled with tidings of the enemy's passage over the Yssel. Hopes they will be forced by the weather to retire. The Duke of Richmond was found dead in his bed, when his wife went to awake him to attend the King to Parliament, so that the houses were not opened till yesterday. His Majesty's speech gave great satisfaction.

Feb. 21. London. General Cecil to the Same. The whole kingdom, especially Parliament, takes great alarm at this ill accident. The King having given them entire freedom, they intend to strike for the Queen of Bohemia whilst the iron is hot, but to begin with religion, which has been put out of joint by the Spanish match. [*Holl. Corresp., Feb.* 21.]

Feb. [21.] 64. Speech of Sir Thos. Crew to the King. Excuses himself on the ground of disability from filling the office of Speaker, and requests His Majesty to command the Commons to proceed to a new election.

Feb. [21.] 65. Reply of Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King finds in his very excuse of incompetency sufficient ground to pronounce him competent; and therefore approves his election, and confirms it in the old Parliamentary style, "Le roy le veult."

Feb. [21.] 66. Response of the Speaker. Recalls the joy produced by the King's accession, and by the good Parliaments of 32 Hen. VIII. and 39 Eliz. Hopes His Majesty's desire to bury all past jealousies may be responded to. Begs completion of the bills against monopolies, informers, and concealers; and of the general pardon. Monarchy is the best government, and Parliament the best way of supplying the King's wants. Urges confirmation of the laws against Jesuits and seminary priests. Is confident of the restoration of the Palatinate, formerly a sanctuary to persecuted religion. Blessings of unity in a state. Praises the several reforms in Ireland. Requests that the House may enjoy freedom from arrest, liberty of speech, and their other usual privileges; also access to His Majesty when needful, and a favourable interpretation of their proceedings.

Feb. [21.] 67. Rejoinder of Lord Keeper Lincoln, touching upon the principal points in the above speech, and declaring the King's willingness to grant the requests therein contained. [*This and the three preceding speeches are printed, with slight variations, in the Lords' Journals, vol.* III., *pp.* 211–213.]

Feb. 21. 68. Copy of the three speeches, Nos. 64, 65, 66.

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Feb. 21. 69. Indenture whereby Sec. Conway agrees to release Wm. Lord Grey, of Werke, from a recognizance for 2,000*l.*, on payment of 1,000*l.* on or before May 1626. Indorsed with note of receipt of 500*l.* of the above sum, March 12, 1625.

Feb. 22. London. 70. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Moore, an attorney, for speaking ill of Queen Elizabeth and Henry VIII., was sentenced to lose both his ears, and to imprisonment during pleasure. He laughed while the sentence was performing in Cheapside. Sir Fras. Englefield is fined 3,000*l.* in the Star Chamber, for accusing the Lord Keeper of bribery. The sentence is thought hard, being so hastily pronounced, and on the faith of only one witness, Sir Miles Sandys. A proclamation is current, ordering Jesuits and priests to leave Ireland within forty days. Dr. Donne's "Devotions in his Sickness," lately published, contains curious conceits, but much piety. The Parliament was postponed from the 12th to the 16th, and then to the 19th, because of the Duke of Richmond's death. He was found in bed, dead of apoplexy. His duchess is passionate in her sorrow, and has cut off her hair; she has not only lost her lord, but sees the end of her reign. The King opened Parliament with unwonted pomp. The Prince has grown a fine gentleman. The King's speech. Dr. Carey, Bp. of Exeter, preached the opening sermon at Westminster, and Dr. Hall, at St. Paul's, to the convocation. There was a good show of nobility. The youngest baron was Sir Wm. Grey, of Werke, who married Sir John Wentworth's daughter, and whose patent is scarce dry. He was made a baron at suit of the Duke of Richmond, for his brother, the Earl of March, but Sec. Conway has 4,000*l.* of the money, till he finds a baron for himself. The Earls of Northumberland and Hertford, and Lords Say and St. Albans were either not called to Parliament, or requested to forbear attendance. Sir Edw. Coke is in the House, and the first day set them right in a business in which they were going awry. David Cecil, presumptive heir to the Earldom of Exeter, marries Mrs. Smith, the Countess of Exeter's daughter, with 3,000*l.* portion, and 200*l.* a year till she pays 2,000*l.* more.

Feb. 22. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to the Justices of Assize of the western circuit. Concerning scandalous words spoken by [Ezekiel] Grosse. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 109.]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. The Same to the Dean of Worcester. Recommends Mr. Gardener to the parsonage of Bromsgrove. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 23. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 71. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Regrets the likelihood of Lord Zouch's resignation, and the small chance of Nicholas's having a place with his successor. Reminds him that on Sir John Dackombe's death his hope of preferment seemed dead, yet he obtained his present place; exhorts him to trust in Providence.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to [Carleton]. The Speaker, Sir Thos. Crew, on being presented to the King, treated him like a courtier, represented

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his body like a statesman, and in "his stout and well-knit oration," showed "the plainness and faith of a religious subject." The Lord Keeper's answer, by direction from his Majesty, was like manna, that pleased all tastes. The Houses opened to-day, and the Lords sent to request a meeting with the Commons, to hear the information which the King promised that the Prince, Buckingham, and the Secretaries should give them, about the marriage and Palatinate. Lord Bristol has taken his leave of the Spanish King, and Inijosa is recalled, but Padre Maestro will come to heal all misunderstanding. Meanwhile, Parliament will put their own interpretation on all the naval preparations making by the King of Spain. [*Holl. Corresp., Feb.* 23, 1624.]

Feb. 24. 72. Report of the Speech of the Duke of Buckingham to the Houses of Parliament. Regrets the difficulty of the task enjoined on him by the King, but hopes the Prince will assist and correct him. The suspicion of treachery on the part of Spain began with the negociation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer at Brussels. Dispatch sent thereon to the Earl of Bristol. Particulars of Porter's embassy. Motives of the Prince's journey to Spain. Particulars of his reception, and of negociations there with the Conde Olivarez and the Spanish ministers. Return of the Prince, and details of the subsequent negociations. The point on which the King asks the advice of Parliament is, the reply to be given to the proposition of the King of Spain, Jan. 5, 1624. It is by the Prince alone, at the hazard of his own person, that light has dawned upon this dark business. [*Differing in many minor points from the report of it printed in the Fœdera, vol.* XVII., *pp.* 556–578, *and from that in Rushworth, vol.* I. *pp.* 119–124, *and omitting the letters and documents read in Parliament.*]

[Feb. 24.] 73. Another report of the above speech, shorter than the preceding.

[Feb. 24.] 74. Another report of the above speech, with differences. Unfinished.

[Feb. 24.] 75. Report of the above speech [partly in shorthand, by Nicholas].

Feb. 24. 76. Report of the above speech, in the third person, with the description of the fitting up of the great hall at Whitehall, where it was delivered, and of the order of sitting of the members of the two Houses.

[Feb. 24.] 77. Full report of the above speech, in the third person [by a member of the House].

[Feb. 24.] 78. Abstract of the above report.

Feb. 24. 79. Brief abstract of a portion of the above [by Windebank].

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Feb. 24. Normanby. 80. Sir Wm. Pelham to Sec. Conway. Family affairs. Blasphemous speeches of a recusant. Caused another to be examined at Grimsby, and bound over to appear at the assizes,, for saying there would be a tumult if the Spanish match did not proceed. Hopes the pardon will include old debts before the time of Elizabeth, which doubtless have been paid if the records could be found, but which are a prey for some young Typper, or other caterpillar of the commonwealth.

Feb. 26. 81. Sir Robt. Shirley to the Same. The Duke of Buckingham refuses him a warrant to the Commissioners of the Navy, without a Privy Seal from the King. Requests him to procure it, and oblige a gentleman who will trumpet his fame and virtues.

Feb. 26. 82. Report by Mary Johnson, of Neville's Alley, Fetter Lane, that Fras. Smith, late servant to his Grace of Canterbury, told her he could discover great treasure which the Jesuits have in England, and use to maintain English youths in Rome. With later notes as to where Smith is likely to be found.

Feb. 26. London. 83. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Has had real assurances that [Carleton] will infallibly be [Vice Chamberlain of the Household]. Hopes therefore soon to see him.

Feb. 26. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to [the Same]. Buckingham, assisted by the Prince, made a relation to the two Houses, beginning with Sir Rich. Weston's negociation at Brussels, which first led the King to suspicions of insincerity in the treaties; these were increased by Porter's journey, and led the Prince to go himself. He detailed the delays and artifices they found in Spain, discovering that neither marriage nor the restitution of the Palatinate was intended. Many letters to and fro were read, including the King of Spain's last answer about the Palatinate, and the Houses were asked their opinion whether the King should trust to the assurance therein given, or stand on his own feet. It was soon resolved that His Majesty should not accept that answer. Meanwhile the Spanish Ambassador flew to the King, to complain of such scandals against his master as nothing but the Duke's head could atone for. The complaint was referred to both Houses, who applauded what the Duke had done, and requested the King to break off the treaties. He, in reply, requested them to consult what aids they would give him if he did so, and on this they are now engaged. [*Holl. Corresp., Feb.* 26, 1624.]

Feb. 26? 84. Proposed Act of Parliament for a public yearly thanksgiving for the safe return of the Prince of Wales out of Spain, to be held on the anniversary of his return.

[Feb. 27.] 85. John Millington to his brother. Brief particulars of the speeches of the Speaker and Lord Keeper, on the Speaker's election to office, and also of the relation of Spanish affairs made by Buck-

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ingham. Amongst the Acts of last Parliament which passed both Houses, but had not the King's assent, are those against swearing and Sabbath breaking, forbidding bull baitings on Sundays, &c. Also a proposition for banishing priests and Jesuits, and strengthening the statutes against them, which they evade by equivocation. Col. Cecil and others were sent to request the King to have a fast for the happy deliverance of the Prince. He said he would consult the Bishops. No member of Parliament is to retain recusant servants. Sir Arth. Gorges' fishing patent is questioned. There is a petition against the Lord Keeper for a false judgment in Chancery.

[Feb. 27.] 86. Buckingham's relation in Parliament of the treaties with Spain, &c., as reported to the Commons by Sir Rich. Weston and Sir Fras. Cottington; with a request from the King for the House to decide whether or not he should rely on Spanish promises for recovery of the Palatinate; and statement that the King of Spain is preparing a large fleet, which is suspected to be designed against England.

[Feb. 27.] 87. Another report of the above, with the preliminary speech of Sir Rich. Weston to the House of Commons. Unfinished.

Feb. 27. St. James's. 88. Petition of Arnold Rotsypen to Prince Charles, to be sworn his servant, according to promise, and to have a patent for his invention of a piece of ordnance which His Highness has approved. With order thereon.

[Feb. 27.] 89. Hen. Anderson to [the Council]. Certifies the impressment of Geo. Wigglesworth, by the late Ralph Lord Eure, at Witton Castle, bishopric of Durham, during the late Queen's time, to serve on the borders as a soldier, and that he was wounded in the service.

Feb. 27. 90. Receipt by Wm. Boswell, on behalf of the Lord Keeper, from Sec. Conway, of five papers specified, relating to the Spanish treaties.

Feb. 28. 91. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Points out three errors in Mr. Nicholson's patent, which must be amended in the King's presence. With a note of the said errors.

Feb. 28. 92. Locke to [Carleton]. The relation made by the Prince and Duke to the Houses showed that Spain never intended to conclude the match, notwithstanding which the Earl of Bristol labours for it to go forward, leaving the restitution of the Palatinate to be settled afterwards, so that the Earl will not be welcome home, nor be in haste to come. The Upper House informed the Lower that the Spanish Ambassadors declared Buckingham deserved to lose his head for wronging the King of Spain, but that they had acquitted him, and the Lower House chose a committee who did the same.

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Feb. 28. 93. Notes for a speech [in the House of Lords]. The two points now in question are, the settling of the King's children in the Palatinate, and the Prince's match with Spain. For the former, there are but two ways, treaty and arms. Treaty breeds delay and disturbance at home; the nation by long peace grows almost unfit for war and reluctant for training, and the deceits practised upon the Prince render further treaty unsuitable. The honour of the King, Prince, and kingdom, must be preserved; the difficulties are, conflicts between Protestants and Papists here, want of a good understanding with foreign allies, want of money, extravagance in expenditure, and defective education of youth. Mischiefs resulting therefrom. With note of a motion by the Duke of Buckingham to thwart the King of Spain in the Indies.

Feb. 29. 94. Locke to Carleton. The Upper House cry out for war, especially the bishops. The Bp. of Durham was so excited that he declared he would lay aside his rochet and gird on a sword, if the King would take that course. Buckingham, being present when the Spanish Ambassador told the King that his master had deprived a bishop for speaking against his Majesty, answered that it was true, and he admired the justice of his Spanish Majesty therein, but still more his mercy, for in a few days he gave the man a bishopric worth three of it. Buckingham has so gained the love of the people that it was proposed in the Lower House to confirm all his lands and honours to him by Act of Parliament, but the reply was that it was no time now to commend men, though deserving well.

Feb.? 95. Request for remedy of a defect in the present bill before Parliament against concealments, which will confirm lands to the subject if they have been held for sixty years; the proviso excepting those which have paid rent to the crown within sixty years excludes all fee-farm lands, which continually pay rent, and yet would thus be left open to suits. Indorsed "Mr. Ingleby."

Feb.? 96. Sir John Philips to Sir Maurice Berkeley. Blames him for persuading his son to stand for the county, and then on frivolous pretences opposing his election, and, with Mr. Paulet, stirring the country against him.

Feb. ? 97. Petition of Sir Rich. Morrison, Lieutenant of Ordnance, and John Reynolds, on behalf of the Ordnance officers in the Tower, and artillery scholars, to the Prince, for redress against the intrusion of the citizens of London, who, having obtained leave to exercise troops in their artillery garden, have pulled down houses therein, and now petition Parliament for the sole use of the ground.

Feb. 98. Examinations of Rich. Lyle and Stephen Quarry. John Greenhead, Comptroller of Customs at Berwick, seized in October last 37 packs of wool belonging to Sir Wm. Grey, laird of Chillingham, which were prepared for export to Scotland. During Greenhead's absence to seek assistance, some of the wool was carried over the Tweed, and Luke Kirklyn, servant to Sir Wm. Grey, obtaining aid from the servants of Werke, rescued the remainder by force, and conveyed it to his master's castle of Werke, whence it was afterwards secretly conveyed to Scotland, thence to be carried beyond seas.

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Feb.? 100. Remarks [by Sec. Conway] on a speech intended to be made in Parliament by a privy councillor, which would be a mere invective against government, a malicious attack upon a person not named, and prejudicial to the common good.

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March 1. Whitehall. 1. The King to the Sheriff of Surrey. Commends to him an order previously given to Sir Fras. Leigh, owner of Ardington Park, Surrey, for stopping up a highway through the said park, and opening another outside, in lieu of it. Is personally wishful for this, the park being near several of his residences, and a place of great delight, on account of the woods, covert for deer, &c.

March 1. Taunton. 2. Roger Hill to Thos. Brereton. Capt. Mainwaring, when he was a pirate, plundered a French ship, under the value of 1,000*l.*, restitution for which having been vainly sought, the King of France has issued letters of reprizal for 15,000*l.*, to begin from March 6th. The King and Council have often been vainly petitioned for relief, and now the western ports are in danger of ruin; the workpeople are out of employ, as the merchants dare not buy fresh goods, and all those in Bretagne are sent for home. Intreats aid that this mischief may be remedied in Parliament.

March 1. 3. Copy of the above.

March 1. 4. Certificate by Wm. Lord Grey and others, of delivery to Sec. Conway of a writing prefixed, dated Feb. 24, by which Esme, Duke of Lenox, authorizes Conway to receive 1,000*l.*, out of 2,000*l.*, which Lord Grey, Eliz. Visctss. Maidstone, and Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, are bound, under penalty of 3,000*l.*, to pay to Lord Grey on May 28 next. Mutilated.

March 1. Whitehall. 5. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. Thanks his Grace for procuring him timely support for his expenses. Has received 2,000*l.* and notes from the Duke of Lenox and Lord Grey for 2,000*l.* more, to be paid within two years next May.

March 1. London. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. The complaints of the Spanish Ambassadors against Buckingham, for slandering the King of Spain, were answered in Parliament by affirming that that King was prejudiced by his own letters, and those of his ministers, which, with other despatches, have been read in Parliament. The Prince told the Upper House that they need not fear advising a breach, for if we did not begin the war, Spain would. [*Holland Corresp., March* 1, 1624.]

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March 1? 6. Observations on the proceedings with Spain, since the commencement of the Bohemian war, in reference to the Palatinate, the match, the Prince's visit to Spain, &c. The answers of the King of Spain being unsatisfactory, satisfaction must be sought otherwise than by letter.

March 1? 7. Copy of the above, corrected [by Sec. Conway].

March 1. 8. Speech of Sir Ben. Rudyard in the House of Commons. Thanks to the King for trusting them with so great affairs. The Prince showed courage and wisdom in his journey, which has matured his excellent parts, "and enabled him for great councells and resolucions." The King of Spain has verified the proverb that a King's daughters are so many ways to deceive his neighbours. The match is injurious to the State, for since the treaty began, the Palatinate and almost all Protestantism abroad are lost, and much Papistry sprung up at home. To proceed with the treaty would only subject us to more abuse, and entangle us in a net; the Spaniards confess they never intended the match, till the Prince paid them the compliment of going over, and will they change for that? If we break it off we must make war, or at least prepare for it. Protestantism is scattered and disunited in Germany; suppressed in France; threatened in Holland. The Low Countries have now the "inestimable jewels of this Crowne" in their keeping, and are our outworks. Spain's promise to restore the Palatinate is vain, even if sincere, because it requires so much time that meanwhile the enemy could effect all they wish. The King should be advised to declare both treaties broken, to re-unite Protestant Germany, reinforce Ireland, strengthen the forts and fit out ships, assist the Low Countries, and let the war for the Palatinate be one of diversion, and made near at hand.

March 1. 9. List of the Committee for Munition, appointed by the House of Lords to view the magazines and stores of arms, consider the state of the forts of England and Ireland, and report to the House their defects, and the remedies therefor.

March 2. Whitehall. 10. Speech by Lord Keeper Lincoln, at the conference between the Lords and Commons. Will deliver a supplement to the relation of the Prince and Duke, with the opinion of the Lords on the whole matter. The first motion of the match came from Spain, as appears by the Duke of Lerma's letter, Jan. 3, 1614. The King of Spain promised the Earl of Bristol to assist by arms, if needful, to recover the Palatinate. When it was rumoured in July that the Prince and Duke would steal away from Spain, there was danger of their being made prisoners, but the Prince sent word to the Committee of Council, that though he stole to Spain for love, he would not steal away for fear; and bade Grimes tell his father, in case he heard that he was stayed, to think no more of him as a son, for he would be lost, but to settle his affections on his sister. The House of Lords has decided that the King cannot continue either treaty with safety to religion and his own honour, and the estates of his grandchildren, and they wish to know if the Lower House concurs in the opinion.

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March 2. 11. Speech of Sir Edw. Coke. Is instructed by the Commons to inform the Lords of their unanimous resolution to advise the breach of both treaties, and to request their Lordships to join in a petition to the King to make a declaration of his intention therein, which will comfort his people and encourage his allies abroad. Never knew a petition made by both Houses to His Majesty to fail.

March 2. 12. Speech of the Archbp. of Canterbury. The Lords wish thanks to God to be first given for opening the King's eyes to see how he has been abused; then, thanks to the King for the honour done in consulting them, and next, thanks to the Commons for their concurrence in opinion. The Lords have appointed a Committee of twenty-four to join with a Committee of the Commons to prepare reasons for their advice to be presented to His Majesty. With brief notes of the said reasons.

March 2. Whitehall. 13. The Council to [the Lord Mayor, &c. of London]. They are to make an exact and secret search, in all alehouses and places for lodgers within their precincts, on pretext of plate stolen from the King's house; to examine all suspicious persons who cannot give a good account of themselves, and make a return of what weapons are found upon them, or in any suspicious house. [*Similar letters were addressed to the Justices of Peace of Middlesex and Westminster.*]

March 2. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 14. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Thinks Lord [Zouch] ungrateful in not recommending Nicholas to continue his office under his successor, but that he does it to retain him with himself, as having become necessary to him; suggests that Sir Edw. Zouch might recommend him to the Duke.

March 2. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Marmaduke Darell, Cofferer of the Household, 348*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* for entertainments of the Marquis Inijosa, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Spain, at Greenwich on June 16, and at Whitehall on July 20 last, and of 1,000*l.*, for defraying the charges of the diets of the Privy Council during Parliament. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 66.]

March 2. Westminster. Grant to Dr. Matt. Wren, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Prince, of dispensation to hold the rectory of Bingham, Diocese of York, void by promotion of Dr. Hanmer to the bishopric of St. Asaph's, together with the rectory of Teversham, Diocese of Ely, and a prebend in Winchester Cathedral; also a dispensation for non-residence. Latin. [*Ibid, No.* 67.]

March 2. Westminster. Grant to Adam Vallett of an annuity of 110*l.*, on surrender of a pension of 80*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 68.]

March 2. Theobalds. 15. Earl of Kelly to Sec. Conway. Don Francisco has been to complain to the King, from the Spanish Ambassador, of speeches in the House of Commons injurious to the King of Spain and House of Austria. His Majesty cannot think it true, or, if true, that such remarks were left unanswered by Conway or Calvert, who were charged to have a care therein. He is to go and satisfy the Ambassadors, and inform the King of the result.

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March 2. [Whitehall.] 16. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. Don Francisco de Rota, the Spanish agent, has complained to the King of words spoken in the Lower House, prejudicial to the House of Austria, to the King of Spain, and his sister the Infanta. His Majesty does not believe the report, but if it be true, such discourse is to be forbidden; if false, the Ambassadors are to be satisfied. Calvert is to certify whether he heard any such words. [*Minute.*]

March 2. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 3. Whitehall. 17. Sec. Calvert and Sec. Conway to the Earl of Kelly. Cannot discover from inquiry that any one has spoken ill of the House of Austria, &c. in the Lower House. Waited on the Spanish Ambassadors to inquire who were the parties that had said such words, or had ill-treated them. The Marquis complained of a gentleman riding in a coach, who scorned him "with actions of his hand and jackanape tricks with his face," and Don Carlos, of like tricks by a gentleman in a grey suit, but they could give no names. They said that on the reading of a letter from the Earl of Bristol, praising the Infanta, a reply was made calling her an infidel. Assured them that no such language was used, and that the House of Commons, being an assembly of the chief gentlemen of the kingdom, and some of them the King's councillors, would reprimand any such language. They said they had been warned both by Catholics and Protestants of danger to their persons, and begged protection, suggesting a proclamation against all actions or words unseemful or scornful. Assured them that the King's care for them is the same as ever, and is fully sufficient to protect them. Advise the granting of the proclamation.

March 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

[March] 3. 18. Justices of Middlesex to the Council. Do not find any suspected persons lodging in the several parishes of Middlesex about London, nor any weapons except such as belong to the trained bands.

March 3? 19. Account by Sir Allan Apsley and Thos. Saunderson, Justices of Middlesex, of the statements made by four persons taken up in St. Katherine's and Ratcliffe, on suspicion, viz., Fras. Wiatt, an Irish merchant, who waits the coming over of some goods; Jas. Brand and Nich. Weston, tailors, going to France for work; and Camillo Benvenuto, a decayed Italian merchant, who is a Papist; with note, that other masterless men and boys brought before them were sent back to their own counties, and that no weapons were found, except such as were provided for ships. *Annexing,*

19. I. *Report of the constable of Limehouse of powder and arms found in his hamlet, and provided for the use of ships.*

March 3. St. James's. 20. Sir Jas. Fullerton to Sec. Conway. Requests dispatch of a letter drawn up by the Attorney General for Capt. Robt. Boyd, his servant having already waited four or five months for it.

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March 3. Westminster. Presentation of Chris. Denne to the rectory of Upminster, diocese of London. Latin. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 69.]

March 4. Westminster. Grant to John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, of dispensation to hold the rectory of Burnham, diocese of Lincoln, and one other benefice, in addition to those which he now holds. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 70.]

March 4. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Edwards, jun., in reversion after Thos. Edwards, sen., of the office of Spigurnell or Sealer in Chancery, which reversion is surrendered by Nich. Smisby. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 71.]

March 4. Westminster. Warrant to pay 100*l.* to Robt. Carlill, the King's Huntsman, who has brought hounds out of Scotland for His Majesty's recreation. [*Ibid., No.* 72.]

March 4. Westminster. Grant to Evan Owen, of the office of Serjeant-at-arms in ordinary, void by decease of Wm. Goodfellow. Latin. [*Ibid, No.* 73.]

March 4. 21. Order by the Lord Mayor [of London] to the Churchwardens and Collectors of Poor Rates in the Parish of Swithin, to collect an assessment equal to half a year's poor rates, to be levied on penalty of distraint, in order to provide a stock for setting idle and vagrant people to work in Bridewell Hospital. With note of receipt of 19*l.* 18*s.* 9½*d.* from the parish, by Nich. Raynton, Treasurer of the Hospital, dated April 6.

March 4. 22. List of the Parishioners of St. Swithin's on whom the above rate was assessed, with the amount paid by each.

March 4. 23. Earl of Kelly to Sec. Conway. He is to order speedily a proclamation of the form suggested in his letters [for the security of the Ambassadors], which, being general for all, cannot offend any; and to acquaint the [Spanish] Ambassadors with the King's care for them.

March 4. [Whitehall.] 24. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes him to draw up a proclamation strictly forbidding all misbehaviours, insolences, &c., against foreign ministers and their servants.

March 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 4? 25. ——— to [Carleton]. The opening of Parliament was postponed by the unfortunate death of the Duke of Lenox till the 19th, when the King opened it with an oration full of grace and confidence in his people. He promised a relation by the Prince and Duke of Spanish affairs, which was made on the 24th. Particulars of the relation. The Spanish Ambassador declared that Buckingham deserved to lose his head, but the Houses acquitted him by acclamation. They are sending commissioners to convey to the King their unanimous vote for breaking off the treaties.

[March 4.] 26. Speech [in the House of Commons, by Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household]. The mysteries of delusion in the treaties are now discovered, but it should be further observed how Spain enticed us from the French match, which was to yield 240,000*l.*, by promising 600,000*l.* and equal moderation about religion, and then having broken us from France, increased in their demands, and only offered 20,000*l.* a-year pension, and some jewels with the Infanta. The King has long had patience with delays, and should receive no further dishonour.

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March [5]. 27. Reasons agreed on by the two Houses of Parliament, to fortify their advice to the King to break off all treaty with Spain, viz., the request made by Spain of a general connivance at Popery in England; the increase, during the treaties, of Jesuits and priests, depending on Spain as much as Rome; the advantage taken thereof to oppress Protestantism, and deprive the King's son-in-law of all his dominions, and the indignity done to the Prince in Spain, in importuning him to forsake his religion; with statement of the particulars on which is grounded the charge of insincerity against Spain. [*See Lords' Journals, vol.* III., *p.* 246.]

[March 5.] 28. Abstract of the above reasons.

[March 5.] Copy of the above abstract. [*Dom. Corresp., March* 11.]

March 5. 29. Address of the Archbp. of Canterbury, in behalf of both Houses of Parliament, to the King, at Theobalds. Thanks to God for dispelling the clouds that have so long dimmed the eyes of many, and to His Majesty for the honour done to his subjects in consulting them on so important a business. On mature consideration, and weighing the want of sincerity in Spain, the Houses are of advice that the treaties can no longer be continued with honour or safety.

March 5. 30. Reply of the King to the Committees of the two Houses. Thanks for their advice and suppression of jealousies; would not embroil himself needlessly, and has lately received better offers than before about the Palatinate, but does not intend to ask their advice and reject it. Longs, before he dies, to see his children restored, or in the way to restoration. Many things are requisite in case of war; his necessities are great, increased by the expenses of the Prince's journey, sending ambassadors, maintaining his children who have no other help, and assisting the Palatinate, to do which he has borrowed largely from the King of Denmark. The Low Countries and German Princes will need aid, the Navy must be increased, and Ireland secured, whilst the Customs, the best part of his revenue, will much fall in case of war. Thinks if he has their hearts he shall have their purses. Will not take their money unless he takes their counsel also. The money given for the war shall be spent by treasurers appointed by themselves; and, though war and peace are the prerogative of Kings, will accept no peace without consulting them. Desires to forget all former dissensions, and to end his days in frequent intercourse with his people by Parliament.

[March 5.] 31. Copy of the above.

[March 5.] 32. Another report of the above speech, with verbal differences.

March 5. Another report with slight differences. [*Dom. Corresp., March* 11.]

March 5. London. 33. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. In the House of Commons, Sir Ben. Rudyard spoke the first and very well, insisting that the two treaties should be broken off together, and convincing some who, from fear of the burden of the war, inclined to advise the continuance

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of the treaty for restitution of the Palatinate; he said a present war did not necessarily follow, but we must defend home, secure Ireland, have ships abroad, and assist the Low Countries, and should thus give courage to our friends and fear to our enemies. The next day, in the House of Commons, the Lord Keeper, by order of the Prince, produced, as a supplement to Buckingham's relation, some additional particulars, relative to proceedings in the Spanish match in 1614, and a false rumour that the Prince had intended to steal away from Spain through fear; he declared that the Prince, when it seemed likely that he would be made prisoner in Spain, sent to beg that his father would think no more of him, but place all his affections on his sister and her posterity. The Lord Keeper then said that the Upper House had agreed to advise breach of both treaties, and recovery of the Palatinate by the sword. Sir Edw. Coke signified the agreement of the Commons thereto, and said that they desired the Lords to join in a petition to the King to declare himself in reference to those treaties, that they might thereby regulate their resolutions, adding that he never knew a petition denied in which both Houses joined. He could not add anything more for weeping. The Archbp. of Canterbury said the Lords joined willingly in the petition, and had appointed twenty-four of their number to draw up the reasons of their advice; he requested the Commons to do the same, and then both Committees would wait on the King with reasons and petition. The Lord Chamberlain penned the reasons of the Lords; those of the Commons were written by Sir Edwin Sandys, who amplified upon them in a very able speech. The Archbp. of Canterbury is appointed to speak to His Majesty, attended by 24 Lords and 48 Commons. Sir Rich. Weston has won much reputation, by explaining the abuses of the Spaniards during his employment at Brussels, and Sir Isaac Wake, by relating similarly his proceedings with the Duke of Savoy. The two Secretaries visited the Spanish Ambassadors at Exeter House, to assure them of the King's constant affection. They complained much of the incessant attacks on their master in Parliament, but it was replied that freedom of speech was an hereditary privilege of Parliament. They asked leave to defend themselves, if assailed, and were told that, should any one attempt violence, no punishment would be too severe; they have sentinels at their gates, remain armed in the house, and not a Spaniard appears in the streets. The States' Ambassadors are received with unusual respect, and have been visited by Buckingham. Commissioners will be appointed to treat with them.

March 5. [Whitehall.] 34. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Commends Rich. Simonds, who has a grant in reversion of an alms room at St. Peter's, Westminster, but which will not benefit him without influence to procure him admission when his turn comes.

March 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 6. 35. Report on the petition [of five Grisons] that the King has received another from two Grisons, one a man of note, and that his pleasure is that a commission be granted to the five, to make a

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collection in as many counties as the Lord Keeper thinks fit, considering their necessities and expense in coming here, and that the other two have a similar commission for other counties. [*See* 1624, *Jan.* 31.]

March 6. 36. Locke to [Carleton]. Buckingham made a relation to both Houses of the treaties for the match and the Palatinate, and asked their advice. They resolved against any further treaty, drew up their reasons, and sent them to the King by 12 of the Upper and 24 of the Lower House. His Majesty has not yet given his approbation, and seems not very forward to concur with the Houses. The Confessor of the Archduchess has arrived. The Lord Deputy of Ireland having commanded a proclamation against priests, which was recommended by the late Commissioners sent there, its execution was forbidden a fortnight ago, in consideration of the proposed match between the Prince and the Infanta.

March 6. Orlingbury. 37. Robt. Tanfield to Nicholas. To convey to Lord Zouch the inclosed letter concerning Wm. and John Tates' going to the University; and to send a reply either by the Kettering carrier who leaves London every Wednesday, or the Wellingborough carrier who leaves every Monday.

March 6. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Thos. Gibbs and Lawrence Whittaker, fee-farm rents of the Manor of Middlesoy and of lands in the Manor of Wellington, co. Somerset, value 68*l.* 10*s.* 0½*d.*, annexed to the Crown, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by the indenture of annexation. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 74.]

March 6. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Gibbs and Lawrence Whittaker of lands in cos. Somerset and Devon, value 163*l.* 1*s.* 11½*d.*, in part of the grant to Hen. Gibbs of lands, value 712*l.* 18*s.* 2½*d*, in lieu of lands of the like value surrendered by him. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 75.]

March 7. Presentation of Gervase Aldred to the Vicarage of Claybrooke, co. Leicester. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 76.]

March 7. 38. Sir Rich. Weston to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The copy of his part [supplement to Buckingham's narrative] is in Sec. Conway's hands, but thinks he must have done with it.

March 7. 39. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Requests him to send the above-named paper, wishing to peruse it for the Duke's service.

March 7. 40. Receipt by Hen. Tremyll, on behalf of the Lord Keeper, of the above-named paper.

March 7. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Capt. Thos. Conway. Recommends Mr. Norton to be a gentleman of his company. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 8? 41. Statement by —— Man, that he was instructed by Sir Guildford Slingsby to tell Mr. Coke that if he did not repair the wrong he had done him, he would shoot him before Lady-day.

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March 8? 42. Note by Sir Guildford Slingsby explanatory of the preceding message.

March 8. Whitehall. 43. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. John Coke, Master of Requests, and Navy Commissioner, appeals to Council for protection against Sir [Guildford] Slingsby, a navy officer, who threatens that, unless he is restored to his place before Lady-day, Coke shall not outlive that time.

March 8. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 8. Dover Castle. 44. Art. Worth to Nicholas. Instructs him how to dispose of his property at the Barbican. Lord [Zouch] keeps his bed from the gout.

March 8. 45. Certificate by Martin Lumley, Lord Mayor of London, of licences granted to eight butchers named, to sell flesh during Lent, according to authority given by Council.

March 8. Whitehall. Proclamation forbidding any insolency, misbehaviour, incivility, disgrace, or affront, in speech, gesture, or otherwise, towards Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers, or their followers, on pain of speedy and condign punishment. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 119.]

March 8. Westminster. Warrant for payment to the Duke of Buckingham of 3,284*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid into the Exchequer by the Earl of Northumberland, John Traylman, and Thos. Pearson, for the manor of Overton, co. York, and other lands, assigned to them in part of the grant to Buckingham of lands, value 723*l.* 18*s.* 2½*d.* [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 77.]

March. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, March* 9.]

March 8. Westminster. Grant to Sir Fras. Englefield, Bart., of pardon, at suit of Lord Keeper Lincoln, of his Star Chamber fine of 3,000*l.* With the Lord Keeper's note of thanks for the grant, Westminster College, March 3. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 78.]

March. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, March.* 9.]

March 8. Westminster. Grant to the Earl of Northumberland and his heirs, of fee-farm of lands and tenements in Tynemouth and North Shields, and coal mines in Moretown, Billimore, and Billimillmore alias Killiworthmore, parcel of the late monastery of Tynemouth, co. Northumberland, value 24*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, in part of the grant to the Duke of Buckingham. Latin. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 79.]

March. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, March* 9.]

March 9. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to the Earl of Northumberland certain lands and tenements in Tynemouth, North Shields, and other places in Northumberland, annexed to the Crown, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by the indenture of annexation. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 80.]

March Docquet of the above.[*Docquet, March* 9.]

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March 9. Whitehall. 46. Sec. Calvert to [Carleton]. On March 5, the Archbp. of Canterbury, in the name of both Houses, advised the King to break off both the treaties. His answer was reported to the Houses, and, to-morrow, the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer give information on the state of the revenue. Though some speak doubtfully of His Majesty's resolution, is confident of the breach of the match, and that the Palatinate will not be restored without a war. The affections of the people are good.

March 9. Westminster College. 47. Lord Keeper Williams to the Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. In favour of Thomas, son of Rich. Briggs, Master of the Free School, Norwich, to be elected Fellow Probationer of that college.

March 9. Dover. 48. Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Nicholas. Have spent 400*l.* on their new Custom House, and 80*l.* in expenses of petitioning for the same, and yet have failed in gaining the impost of three tuns of wine yearly, towards the charge. Are unwilling to part with the house without some yearly revenue, though the Lord Treasurer writes that all is to be done without charge to the King. Beg to know what they may rely on; will be thought improvident to have expended money without a certain revenue to the town. Ask his influence that the Cinque Ports be not taxed with subsidies this Parliament; send their reasons therefor, to be shown to the other Barons of the Ports. *Inclose,*

48. I. *Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Officers of Customs at Dover. To remove from the former Custom House on the pier, and to perform their office in the new and substantial house built for their service by the town, at their own request, in a more convenient situation, provided it can be done without any charge to the King. Chelsea, March* 4.

48. II. *Names of the Cinque Port towns, Dover, Sandwich, Hastings, Hythe, Romney, and the two ancient towns, Rye and Winchelsea, with their several members.*

48. III. *Reasons why the above towns should continue exempted, according to their ancient charters, from payment of subsidies, viz., their services at sea, in providing vessels for defence of the realm, &c.; their pains in providing fish for the King's household and the realm; their services by land, in keeping their towns, which are the keys of the kingdom, in a state of defence, in relieving shipwrecked soldiers and sailors, and attending upon the passage to intercept dangerous persons; their charge in sending bailiffs to Yarmouth, to prevent abuses in the herring fishery, and also in defending their coasts from the sea; to do all which, trade being much decayed, they have little but their fishing to rely on, and many poor to maintain.*

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48. iv. *Inconveniences that must follow from levying subsidies on the ports, viz., that as many of their privileges are now of small benefit, by reason of removal of trade to London, if the relief from subsidies be taken away, many inhabitants will remove, and the ports, already decayed, fall so far that they will no longer be any protection as frontier towns, and be unable to maintain their harbours, especially that of Dover, much injured by a storm on Jan.* 28, 1621.

48. v. *Provisoes from the Subsidy Acts of* 18, 7, *and* 3 *Jac. I., exempting the residents of the Cinque Ports and their members from payment of subsidies.*

March 9 ? 49. Petition of the Cinque Ports to the House of Commons, complaining that, contrary to their charter giving them the right of free trade, the London merchants endeavour to engross the shipping of all merchandise, which causes the withdrawal of many of their inhabitants, so that the towns, being already burdened with many poor, and with watches kept up for defence of the realm, &c., are falling into great decay. Also, that, notwithstanding their privilege of trade, they have been lately interrupted in buying cloth at Blackwell Hall, and that they are debarred of their privilege of exemption from prisage of wines. Request redress. With marginal quotations from the charters granting the above rights.

March 9 ? 50. Similar petition of the Cinque Ports, for the rights of free trade.

March 9 ? 51. Brief of the grievances complained of by the Barons of the Cinque Ports to the House of Commons, that though the Cinque Ports were the chief trading towns of the kingdom, are still subject to the brunt of foreign invasion, and bound to find and maintain a navy of 57 ships and 1,244 men for defence of the realm, to provide arms and powder, keep up fortifications, attend to the passage over the seas, relieve shipwrecked soldiers, &c.,—yet the Merchant Adventurers' charter prohibits them to trade to Germany, contrary to their ancient right and usage ; and also they are lately prevented from buying and selling in London, whereby the ports are much decayed, &c. Prefixed is a list of the towns of the Cinque Ports and their members. Printed.

March 9 ? 52. Copy of the above list of towns.

March 9. Whitehall. 53. [Sec. Conway] to Visct. Annandale. Sends for signature a letter to the King of Poland, in behalf of Sir Robt. Stewart and Sir John Guishart.

March 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 110.]

March 9. Whitehall. 54. [The Same] to the Same. The Dutch Ambassadors profess much affection to the King's service; they cannot themselves give a safe conduct to Padre Maestro, but think their captains will

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respect His Majesty's passport. Sends the form for one, which is approved by the Spanish Ambassador. Has remonstrated with the French Ambassador against that King's conduct in issuing letters of reprisal for 15,000*l.*, for injury sustained from our merchants to the amount of only 1,000*l.*; and has endeavoured to procure their suppression.

March 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 111.]

March 10. Whitehall. 55. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Robt. Phelips. Has spoken to the King about the French letters of marque; His Majesty is sensible of the danger of this course, and letters are written to Sir Edw. Herbert to try to stop it.

March 10. Woking. 56. Visct. Annandale to Sec. Conway. The King has written with his own hand to the Duchess of Richmond, to authorize her to go on with the administrations. If the Archbp. of Canterbury makes any stop, he is to be told that His Majesty has ended all.

March 10. Exeter. 57. Justice Sir Rich. Hutton to the Same. The grand jury have found a bill against Ezekiel Grosse, accused of uttering scandalous speeches, and he is to be tried next assizes, but could not be tried this time, his informer not being ready with his evidence. The neighbouring Justices think him unlikely to fall into such an offence. and the informer, Wm. Erick, is a man of little reputation.

March 10. London. 58. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. The King received graciously and replied satisfactorily to the advice and petition of the two Houses, but holds his own particular declaration in suspense; the remark in his speech "that since Parliament began, he had received better offers for the Palatinate than ever before," is supposed to refer to those of the Capuchin friar, Francisco de la Rota, who has now gone away, with the King's portrait for a present. He was a thorough friar, and suspected of much treachery, but is to be succeeded by a worse man, Padre Maestro; but we are gone too far for enchanting overtures. This day the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer are to explain to the Houses the state of the King's expenses and wants. The Commissioners will not sit about Carleton's grant of concealed lands, the Parliament having called in question a similar grant to Lord Carlisle. Money affairs. Sir John Sedley has sold his Chrysostoms to a London stationer at 24*s.* each in gross, but will not sell the few copies that Carleton wants for less than 3*l.* 10*s.* each. The Provostship of Eton is likely to remain void awhile for Mrs. Murray's benefit, and then Sir Robt. Ayton will have both her and it.

March 10. 59. Locke to Carleton. Sends a more accurate relation of the Duke of Buckingham's speech, together with the King's answer to the Commissioners sent by the upper and lower Houses, &c.

March 10. Rye. 60. Mayor and Jurats of Rye to Lord Zouch. To further their suit in Parliament for the benefit of the light erected at Dungeness, as being at the entrance of their harbour, and first projected by John Allen, a freeman of their town, but he, wanting friends, could

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not obtain the grant, which was given to Sir Edw. Howard, and since to Mr. Lamplugh; being a public benefit, it should rather be in public than private hands. Regret the dissensions in the town caused by the differences of their ministers, Mr. Warren and Mr. Whittaker. Request advice whether to permit Mr. Abington, a papist, and questioned about the Powder Plot, who with his family has lately come to the town, to dwell there; desire not the company of papists if they can avoid them.

March 11. Westminster. Grant to Robt. Norton, of a gunner's room in the Tower, void by decease of Ralph Bowrie. Latin. [*Sign. Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 81.]

March 11. Westminster. Grant to Geo. Pitcher, of a gunner's room in the Tower, void by decease of Samuel Grennell. Latin. [*Ibid, No.* 82.]

March 11. Whitehall. 61. Sec. Conway to Visct. Annandale. Sends the answer from the States' Ambassadors, who waive writing letters expressly in behalf of Padre Maestro. Thinks none of their officers dare stay a person who has the King's safe conduct, and is attended by a messenger of the Chamber. Waits an answer before sending into Spain. The Duchess of Richmond thanks the King for his letters; she much regrets the late Duke, and professes continual favour to the house of Lenox.

March 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 111.]

March 11. 62. Report made by Sir Rich. Weston [Chancellor of the Exchequer] to the Lower House, of the King's debts, total 666,666*l.*; also of his receipts, and extraordinary expenses.

[March 11.] Thursday. 63. Jonathan [i. e. Sir Robt. Cotton] to David [i. e. Thos. Cotton] Thanks to God for the King's speeches in Parliament. Sir Rich. Weston has related to the Commons his expenses about the Spanish business, which, since Michaelmas, 1619, amount to 661,667*l.*, of which he owes 80,000*l.* to the King of Denmark, and 18,000*l.* to Burlamachi, whilst from the wine imposition he has received but 371,640*l.*; motion was made [by Sir Benj. Rudyard] to encourage the King's inclination to Parliaments, the want of which had caused so many disasters, and to take heed that their own breath did not blow up the house, without gunpowder. Sir E. C. [Edw. Coke] encouraged the war, by saying we never thrive so well as when at war with Spain; that if the Navy were ready, Ireland secured, and the Low Countries aided, we need fear neither Turk, Pope, devil, nor the King of Spain, and that the very idea of the war made him seven years younger. The House, after other speeches, resolved unanimously to assist his Majesty in a Parliamentary way, on his declaration to break off both the treaties.

March 11. Thursday. 64. Speech of the Prince at a Committee of the two Houses in the Painted Chamber [Whitehall]. Some doubts having arisen among the Lords, as to the meaning of the Treasurer's declaration of the King's necessities, explains that his Majesty's meaning is to show that he cannot of himself engage in the war, not that he asks a present supply for himself. If they fear lest he may be slow in calling them together, they are to recall his expression that he

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1624. hopes to be in love with Parliaments. The business has now gone far enough to exasperate the enemy, and honour requires that we should prepare to meet them.

[March 11.] 65. Copy of the above.

March [11.] 66. Another copy of the above.

[March 12.] 67. Report of the Prince's speech, made to the Lower House of Commons by Sec. Calvert.

[March 12.] 68. Speech [in the House of Commons, by Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household]. The Prince has nobly cleared some doubts, and shown that the King cares more for the general welfare than his own wants, and will frequently call Parliaments, but the House was happy in declaring before this their resolution to support their advice. The Prince is also sensible of the dishonours put on himself, and condescends to urge speed in the resolutions for avenging them. Who can resist such an invitation, the first made by him? He should have an answer of thanks, and assurance of tender concern for his interest.

March 12? 69. Speech [in the House of Commons by Sir Geo. Chaworth (?)] on the comparative advantages of war and peace in the present state of affairs, proving, by argument and historical precedents, the superior advantages of offensive over defensive warfare, and that England can now supply the three great requisites, men, victuals, and money, Parliament having made such liberal offers for maintenance of war; but arguing on behalf of peace, from the danger of assault by invasion, the expense of having large armies for defence as well attack, the want of well-trained soldiers, the strength of the Spaniards, and the lack of ready money, which will necessitate new impositions, as the Customs, the chief source of revenue, would suffer much during war. The King's empty coffers and heavy debts make it unadvisable to undertake a war, which involves much misery and hazard; but, if it be decided on, his debts should first be paid, the yearly expense of the war calculated, and supplies provided beforehand.

March 12. London. 70. [Edw. Nicholas to John Nicholas]. The Houses are busy answering the doubts suggested by the King's speech, but keep their proceedings very close. The Charters of the Merchant Adventurers and Eastland merchants are sent for; fifty pieces of ordnance, shipped hence for sale in Holland, were taken on the way by the Dunkirkers. Ships from Summer Islands and Virginia announce the welfare of the people, but, in Virginia, continued enmity with the natives. *Incloses,*

70. i. *Speech of the Archbp. of Canterbury to the King. Theobalds, March* 5. [*See March* 5.]

March 12. Woking. 71. Visct. Annandale to Sec. Conway. The King desires that the messenger be speedily despatched to meet Padre Maestro with a safe conduct, and the States' Ambassador informed that if any violate it, His Majesty will consider it a breach of amity.

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March 12. Godmanchester. 72. Sir Robt. Osborne to the Council. Made proclamation at Great Staughton against John Throgmorton, who had retained forcible possession of the Manor House, but found the house abandoned. Has placed ten men in it, till directions are sent as to who is to be put in possession.

March 12. Oxford. 73. Vice Chancellor and Mayor of Oxford, and others, to the Council. Proceedings against John Brent, prosecuted by the Mayor of Evesham, and taken at Oxford, charged with uttering scandalous speeches against Queen Elizabeth and the Church of England. He is an obstinate Papist, and carrier of letters between recusants. *Incloses,*

73. I. *Deposition of Rich. More and John Tysoe, of Evesham. John Brent, finding More reading a book by Nich. Britten, entitled "Great Britain's Thankfullnes to God for our peaceable Kinge, and the happye Retorne of Prince Charles," began to commend the kingdom of Spain and its religion, and said Queen Elizabeth had no grace, but mere natural gifts, and was a traitor to King Philip all her life; also that the ministers of the Church of England were Parliament ministers, not called of God, and could do no miracles, &c. Evesham, May* 9.

73. II. *Examination of John Brent, of Chillington, near Wolverhampton. Has been a Papist forty years; carried letters to priests in Berkshire, but will not name them. In his conversation with More, defended the Spaniards as honest men and good soldiers. Said Queen Elizabeth had fought against King Philip, but not that she had been a traitor to him. Said that the ministers of the Church of England were not true ministers, unless lawfully sent. Was apprehended at the time of the Powder Plot, and examined by the Bailiffs of Evesham, but set free. Carries letters amongst Papists who are his friends. Oxford, March* 11.

March 12. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 1,000*l.*, and discharge for 1,000*l.* already paid to Sir Wm. Hewitt, receiver of the composition money for the household, to supply the present need, the assignment for the charge of the household not sufficing late extraordinary occasions. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 83.]

March 13. Westminster. Warrant to Lord Treas. Middlesex and others, to take a surrender from the Earl of Salisbury of 1,000*l* per annum, parcel of an annuity of 3,000*l.*, and to pass to him in fee-farm certain manors or lands in lieu thereof. [*Ibid., No.* 84.]

[March 13.] 74. Brief of the Bill exhibited to Parliament against bankrupts,—including in the term those who seek protections against creditors, or leave to compel them to take less than their due,—extending the power of creditors over the goods of their debtors, inflicting corporal punishment, as standing in the pillory and loss of an ear, on those who attempt fraud, and threatening with felony or death those who do not appear before the commissioners, when summoned. Printed.

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March 14. [Whitehall.] 75. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes to bestow upon Geo. Digby the benefit of the attainder of John Williams, who, being convicted only of manslaughter, is to have a pardon prepared for signature.

March 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 111.]

March 14. Whitehall. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal allowing 30*l.* a week to Sir Robt. Shirley during his embassy here. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

March 14. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 40*l.* to John Tyson, gamekeeper of heron, duck, and mallard, at Newmarket, for inclosing grounds near the river there, to feed young fowl in, for increase of the game. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 85.]

March. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, March* 15.]

March 14. 76. Declaration presented to the King, at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, in the name of the Houses of Parliament. Preamble by the Archbishop. Thanks to God for such a King, who consults his subjects on these weighty affairs. Rejoices that His Majesty is sensible of the insincerity of those with whom he held the late treaties, and of the indignities done to his children, and that he is resolved to have the Palatinate restored, in which the whole kingdom is ready to assist. The message from the Houses is a request that the two treaties be dissolved; and though the King's extraordinary charges prevent his supporting a war, entreat that this may be no obstacle, as they are unanimously resolved to assist him in a Parliamentary way. [*Printed with verbal differences in Lords' Journals, vol.* III., *pp.* 241–259.]

[March 15.] 77. Reply of the King to the above declaration, with explanations of certain passages by the Prince and Duke [as offered to the committee of both Houses, March 15]. Objects to the Archbishop's remark that he is sensible of insincerity in the late dealings, and indignity towards his children. Has not as yet expressed his opinion, for when Jupiter speaks he should have his thunder, and a king should not speak unless he can act. Thanks for their large offer, but, having to deal with allies as well as subjects, must have it reduced to particulars. Wishes five subsidies and ten fifteenths for the war, and being old, and oppressed with his debts, would gladly pay them before he dies, and therefore asks one subsidy and two fifteenths yearly, until they are paid. [The prince here mentioned that as this seemed contradictory to his own statement, that the King would ask nothing for himself till the wars were provided for, His Majesty was willing to give up what he has asked for himself, if they would give for the war six subsidies and twelve fifteenths.] The subsidies should be raised speedily, or they may come too late, and yet not so as to burden the people. In this great business must satisfy his own conscience and honour. Was already almost resolved, but would apply to them to satisfy any remaining scruples.

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[Here the Prince and Duke said the King spoke of his conscience for consistency's sake, but was really satisfied, and only wanted advice about the manner of declaring war.] Hopes many good laws may pass this session, that there may be another at Michaelmas, and again in Spring. Will enter into no treaty for peace without advice of Parliament.

[March 15.] 78. Copy of the above.

March 15. 79. Copy of the explanations given by the Prince and Duke as above. Also statement, by Buckingham, that the King asked him why his subjects were so eager to draw him into war; that he replied they feared the ambition of the King of Spain, and the new Pope being French, this was a good time to oppose him; also they thought the Spanish match prejudicial to religion at home. The King said that the same conditions would be required in any other marriage treaty. He replied that the Prince's being in Spain, the largeness of the dowry expected, and the promised restitution of the Palatinate, gave Spain a greater claim than other powers would have; that as to France, the King could soon stop their mouths, by making similar demands for French Protestants. On breaking up, the Prince said softly to those about him, "The King hath a long sword, and when it is out, it will not easily goe in againe."

[March 15.] 80. Account of the details given by Buckingham to the Committees of the Houses of his conversations with the King, similar to the above; with a concluding remark by the Prince, that the money sent to the Earl of Bristol was only to bring him home, and would never beget a new treaty.

March 15? 81. [Edw. Nicholas to John Nicholas]. The King's speech was thought to contradict all that had been said by the Prince or Buckingham; the Papists began to brag, and the archbishop was so discouraged that he was sick, and absented himself for a day from the House. The discontent growing, the Prince and Duke urged the King to make some declaration that might show that they had not passed the limits assigned them by him. At a conference with the Houses, the Prince said the King's words had been mistaken, but that he had full power to explain them, and from the notes of reporters, the speech was drawn up, with amendments agreed on by the Prince and the two Houses, and the Prince took it to His Majesty, who declared it to be his meaning. The Prince also related details of a conversation between himself and the King. [*Similar to those between the King and Buckingham in the preceding paper*].

March 15? 82. John Millington to his Brother. Particulars of the declaration of the Houses to the King, and of his reply, with which they were not very well pleased. The Lower House has absolutely denied giving him anything for his own estate. *Annexing,*

82. I. *Speech of the Prince to a Committee of the Houses March* 11. [*See March* 11.]

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March 15? 83. List of 14 items, of steps proposed to be taken for the security of the kingdom, preparation for war, &c.

March 15. Dover. 84. Mayor and Jurats of Dover to Nicholas. Thinks there must be some mistake about Mr. Horne's only paying five pieces instead of ten to Mr. Jacob and his man for past services, and have offered him ten more to forward their suit for the free import of three tuns of wine yearly; and will not forget a token of thankfulness to Nicholas.

March 15. 85. John Lloyd to the Same. Lord [Zouch] wishes him to acquaint Sec. Conway with the actions of the Dunkirkers. *Incloses,*

85. 1. *Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Particulars of misdemeanours of the Dunkirkers, who have boarded and robbed the ships of Robt. Robinson and Jos. Hatch, coming from Flushing, and ill used their men. Sandwich, March* 15.

March 15. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Sigismund and Hen. Alexander 100*l.*, for their expenses at the tilt on March 24. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 86.]

March 15. Docquet of the above.

March 15. Westminster. Presentation of Joshua Slatyer to the Rectory of Winsford, diocese of Bath and Wells. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 87.]

March 15. Docquet of the above.

March 15. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, 1,250*l.*, for surrender of his grant of the fines and forfeitures for drawing the plough with the tails of horses and other beasts, in Ireland. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 88.]

March 15. Warrant for passing 20 grants of denization to strangers born, not being merchants, at nomination of Geo. Williamson. [*Docquet.*]

March 15. Grant to Matt. Rawson of an almsroom in Christ Church, Oxford. [*Docquet.*]

March 15. Warrant for delivery of 171 yards of russet and other provisions, for 57 poor men, against His Majesty's Maunday. [*Docquet.*]

March 15. [Whitehall.] 86. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. Requests his opinion whether the suit of [Joan Oliver], "a very poore body," who solicits the King's pardon, can be properly granted, if so, is to prepare and forward the grant for signature.

March 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 111.]

March 16. [Whitehall.] 87. [The Same] to the East India Company. His nephew Tracey wishes to recover the wages due to his late brother, who died abroad, as a factor in the Company's service. Requests favour for him.

March 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 111.]

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March 17. Whitehall. 88. [Sec. Conway] to Visct. Annandale. Sends for the King's perusal translations of such passages as reflect on the Emperor, King of Spain, and Infanta, out of a recent work on the whole proceeding relating to the Palatinate, that His Majesty may judge how far it will coincide with any relation that he may be induced to put forth.

March 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 112.]

March 17. Westminster. Grant to the Bp. of London, Lord of the Manor of Stevenage, co. Hertford, of licence to have a weekly market and three fairs in the town. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 89.]

March 17. Westminster. Commission of Lieutenancy to the Earl of Montgomery, for the county of Kent, the Cinque Ports excepted, and for the cities of Canterbury and Rochester. [*Ibid., No.* 90.]

March 17. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Rich. Morrison 218*l.* 15*s.*, for provision of ordnance stores to be sent to Dublin. [*Ibid., No.* 91.]

March 17. London. 89. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Parliament is fitful and does little, though the Prince and Duke try to settle a better understanding between it and the King. The Prince so bravely and judiciously exhorted the Houses, that they resolved to offer life and fortune to His Majesty if he would declare the treaties broken. Sec. Calvert suggested that the offer should be restricted to be by a Parliamentary way. The Lord Treasurer in the Upper House said the offer ought not to be made in general terms merely, and the Earl of Arundel joined with him; but the Prince said their two voices should not hinder the common resolution. The two lords went afterwards to St. James's to excuse themselves. Their reception is not known, but the Lord Treasurer has been ill ever since. The Prince resents the proceedings of some who, to prevent their own actions being looked into, have made underhand combinations to hinder good resolutions, as they did last Parliament. The Archbp. of Canterbury presented the declaration of the Houses. The King replied by thanks for their large offer, though it was too general to be built upon; but said they mistook in supposing him to say that Spain dealt falsely with him, but if they would give him 5 subsidies and 10 fifteens for the war only, and 1 subsidy and 2 fifteens yearly for himself, till his debts were paid, he would issue the declaration, make this Parliament a session, and call another for Michaelmas, and another for Lady-day. This answer so amazed the Committee that there was not one "God save the King" heard as they went away. When the Houses met again, the Prince and Duke laboured to disperse these clouds; they said His Majesty was misunderstood, that he only desired 6 subsidies and 12 fifteenths for the war, &c.; but this did not settle their minds. The Spanish Ambassadors, who had kept in doors a fortnight, went out and passed as in triumph through Cheapside. The Prince explained that the money sent to the Earl of Bristol was not, as reported, to renew the treaty, but to bring him home, the King having at present no sort of treaty with Spain.

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March 17. 90. Jonathan [i.e. Sir Robt. Cotton] to David his brother [i.e. Thos. Cotton]. The Houses were amazed at the King's reply to their resolution. The Prince was exceedingly perplexed, and spoke not a word that night, and Buckingham wept; but now the wind has turned, and His Majesty has sent them so pleasing a message as satisfies them. Particulars of it. The Houses begin in earnest on the business, and no member is allowed to depart.

[March 18.] 91. [Edw. Nicholas to John Nicholas]. Declaration of the Houses to the King, and his reply. The Prince and Duke, finding how much the lower House was grieved on hearing His Majesty deliver his speech, had it explained and altered before it was reported to them. Particulars of Acts passed or passing in the Commons. There are petitions to the committee on courts of justice, against the Lord Keeper; one by Mrs. Joan Thomas, accusing him of corruption in a decree that her jointure should be liable for the debts of her son Sir Ant. Thomas; another by Lady Darcy, that he unduly presented Dr. Grant to a parsonage which belonged to her son, still a minor. Mr. Churchill will be brought before the House for pretending that orders in Chancery were entered which were not, whereby Grimesditch lost a cause.

March 18. 92. Sir Cavallero Maycote to Lord Zouch. Sends the words that
London. came out of the King's mouth, but which he ate up again, and went cursing and swearing to Theobalds, and would neither hear Prince nor Parliament. Sir Hen. Mainwaring is wandering about Westminster.

March 18. 93. Petition of Prisoners for Debt in the King's Bench to the King and Parliament. Understand that usurers intend to petition against all prisoners for debt; show that imprisonment for debt is against the fundamental laws and general well-being of the State, and is not practised in any foreign country; that most prisoners for debt are kept starving for debts incurred by usurious loans; that 80 have died during the last year in that prison only; pray that after the debtor's whole estate has been seized for his creditors, his body may be free, whereby the lives of thousands who perish in English prisons might be saved. Printed.

March 18. 94. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Has received certain papers
Aldermanbury. about Capt. Mainwaring's petition. Is requesting more time to falsify the witnesses to the petition, but fears it will not be granted, as the House is violent for free elections. If witnesses were present to prove that the summons for election [for Dover] was public, that none were nominated but Sir Edw. Cecil, himself, and Mainwaring, that no other freeemen pressed to vote, and that the court of election is of long standing, thinks the petition might be overthrown. Cares more about being crossed by malicious men than about losing the place. [*See Journ. Commons, vol.* I., *p.* 748.]

March 18. 95. Sec. Conway to Visct. Annandale. Is anxious to do his best
Whitehall. to serve the King's cousin, Sir Robt. Stewart, and has recommended him, as far as could be done, without making his Majesty answer-

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able for the money, which would be a bad precedent, and dangerous for the country, if the King of Poland, on failure of payment, should seek restitution from the English. The French King has lately given letters of reprisal for 15,000*l.*, in lieu of a ship worth little more than 1,000*l.*, taken by Capt. Mainwaring when he was a pirate; and had not the King interposed effectually, the merchants might have lost 50,000*l.*

March 18. 96. Draft of the above.

March 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 112.]

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March 19. [Whitehall.] 1. [Sec. Conway] to Dr. Collins, Provost of King's College, Cambridge. Requests him to nominate, according to promise, a son of Mr. Beare to a Scholarship at Eton, the next election.

March 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 113.]

March 19. London. 2. Locke to [Carleton]. Private affairs. The House is coming to a final resolution about the war, &c.

March 20. 3. The Same to the Same. Renewal of the tenant's lease at Wraysbury. The Lower House have granted the King three subsidies and three fifteenths, conditionally on his breaking off treaties, and allowing them the disposal of the money.

March 20. London. 4. Chamberlain to the Same. Sir Isaac Wake attends Parliament closely, his employment being at stake on what passes there, where matters go on uncertainly, the King's speeches needing interpretations, and the Houses being as wary and suspicious as though dealing with enemies. They wish his Majesty to put the word war in his declaration, to which he objects; they will not be led by Sir Edwin Sandys, Sir Dud. Diggs, and Sir Robert Phelips, although they speak well, because they take them for favourites. Sir John Savile is still the same. There is much muttering about the coming of Padre Maestro direct from Rome, where the Pope blames the King of Spain for managing no better when the Prince was in Spain, and offers a dispensation, without clauses for public worship of Catholics in London, or where the Infanta resides. On any distraction in public business, the Spanish Ambassadors parade the town and pay visits; they are said to have much secret correspondence with the court. The Prince has scarcely vouchsafed to look at a present of three cart loads of provisions, fruit, and sweetmeats, sent him by Countess Olivarez. He attends Parliament daily, and watches so carefully over affairs that all the good that results will be owing to him; he is free from all vicious inclinations, his actions gracious and graceful, and his journey to Spain has much improved him. Three subsidies and three fifteenths were voted by the Commons, Sir Benj. Rudyard breaking

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the ice, and thirty-eight others following him up. Sir Geo. Chaworth was alone in his opinion to give the King two subsidies and four fifteenths for himself, and not trouble ourselves with the Low Countries, which can maintain themselves. Lady Hatton has marred the match intended between Davy Cecil and Lady Exeter's daughter.

March 20. Rye. 5. Mayor and Jurats of Rye to Lord Zouch. Request directions about the disposal of the company of a French fishing boat, belonging to [Honoré] Hebbart, found fishing with unlawful nets on the Sowe, and chased and taken when trying to return by Geo. Brodbridge. They profess to have got on to the coast in a mist.

March 20. Whitehall. 6. Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Same. Presented Wm. Benion, on the King's behalf, to the parsonage of Wotton, Northamptonshire, the inheritance of Zouch Tate, a ward, after which his Lordship, as guardian of Tate, claiming the right of advowson, conferred it on Mr. Potter, and commenced a suit. Wishes to avoid a trial, and offers his Lordship the first benefice in his gift, if he will continue Mr. Benion in the place.

March 20. Canterbury. 7. Sir Geo. Newman to [Rich.] Marsh, Clerk of Dover Castle. Has received a proclamation to be read at the parish church, outlawing him, unless he yields himself to the Sheriff of Sussex, to answer to Sir Thos. Pelham in an action of assault, for imprisonment of his man in the Admiralty Court [at Dover]. This is a wrong to Lord Zouch, who is bound to give account to none, save the King, of what is done in the Cinque Ports. Wishes his Lordship's attorney to be consulted.

March 20 ? 8. Abstract [by Sol. Gen. Heath] of the transactions between the King and Parliament relating to the breach of the treaties, and the demand and grant of subsidies.

March 20. 9. Resolution of the House of Commons to grant three subsidies and three fifteenths, to be paid within a year after the King's declaration of the utter breach of the treaties, and to be expended by persons named by the House. Also that the House will be willing to assist His Majesty according to their ability, and will appoint a committee to compose an answer to the demand for six subsidies and twelve fifteenths.

March 21. 10. Account written from memory [by Nicholas] of an interview between the Lord Keeper, with selected committees from both Houses, and the King at Whitehall. His Lordship reported, in behalf of the Houses, that,—on the complaint that Buckingham, in his relation of Feb. 24, had spoken so strongly against the King of Spain, that any Spanish minister for a similar offence would lose his head,—the Houses resolve that Buckingham did not speak improperly; that he would have failed in his duty to King and Parliament had he omitted any part of what he said; and they not only clear him, but thank him for his noble carriage and faithful relation of the business. The King said that Buckingham spent

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40,000*l.* in Spain, and would never expect a penny of it back; that his judgment and diligence are a pattern to ambassadors; that his being so good a servant makes himself a good master to him; and that Buckingham's desire to be justified by the Houses is needless, as he believed before, on an honest man's word, as much as the Houses could testify.

March 21. 11. Certificate by Dr. John More that the health of Mrs. Margaret Lewkenor was formerly much benefited by a visit to the Spa, and that the recurrence of the symptoms renders it advisable for her to return thither.

March 21. 12. Deposition of Wm. Oke and John Browne, of Rye, that thirty sail of French trawlers were seen by them fishing in the Sowe, of which the vessel of Honoré Hebbart, brought into the harbour of Rye by Geo. Brodbridge, was one.

March 21. 13. Statement [by John Coke] of the terms of the contract made April 16, 1621, with Mr. Evelyn for supply of gunpowder; also that he has since then supplied only 100 lasts, and is 135 lasts behindhand, whereby the present store is deficient, and the King has lost his ratio of 3*d.* in the pound, on a large quantity.

March 22. 14. Petition of Sir Edward and Dame Katherine Fenner to the King, for a commission to compound with the creditors of the former, his estate being all sold. Lady Fenner is willing to give up the lands she received from her father, for paying his debts and freeing his person, provided enough be left for her maintenance and for the marriage of her only daughter. With reference thereon to the Attorney General, and order to him, if he approve the petition, to draw a commission, in form prefixed, to Sir Edw. Freer, Bart., and the other parties named in the petition, to settle the business.

March 22. London. 15. Thomas Lord Wriothesley to Carleton. Sends him some winter stockings, for though delayed till the foul weather is past, winter will come again, and they will be of use.

March 22. [Whitehall.] 16. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Thos. Tresham, Verderer of Rockingham Forest, and Cuthbert Ogle, Lieutenant of Whittlewood Forest. The King requires them to survey and report on the state of the game and woods in Higham Ferrers Park, Northamptonshire, as the lease is expiring, and the tenant about to be changed.

[March 22]. 17. Abstract of the above.

March 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 113.]

March 22. Westminster. Warrant to Lord Treas. Middlesex and others to receive a grant from the Prince of Wales of the profits of the Greenwax, except in Cornwall, Chester, and Wales, and to grant him in lieu thereof manors, lands, &c. to the value of 1,300*l.* per annum. [*Sign Man., vol.* XV., *No.* 92.]

March 22. Westminster. Warrant to advance to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, 727*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for repairs of the Assurance, lately employed in the Narrow seas. [*Ibid, No.* 93.]

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[March 22.] 18. Account [by Nicholas] of a conference between the Commons and Lords, touching the declaration to be presented to the King. The Lords were obliged to object to the words "no one dissenting," because the Earl of Rutland refused his assent, though the Prince and Lords laboured much to persuade him. They objected also to the address running in the name of the House of Commons, but the Prince defended it, because the subsidy grant arose from them, and they needed not to acquaint the Lords with it, except from courtesy. The Prince and Duke requested his Majesty to appoint a time to hear this business.

March 23. 19. Address of the Commons presented by a Committee of both Houses of Parliament to the King. Thanks for his approval of their previous declaration of their resolution to assist him, and, as he thinks it would more deeply impress both friends and enemies to hear of some real performance, they unanimously resolve, that on public declaration of the utter dissolution and discharge of the treaties, they will grant the largest aid ever given by Parliament, viz., three subsidies and three fifteenths, to be levied in a year, and applied to the four points named by His Majesty, viz., defence of the realm, succour of Ireland, assistance of the United Provinces, and setting forth of the navy. They will never fail of Parliamentary aid to him, if engaged in a real war for the honour of himself, the Prince, the nation, and his noble and only daughter and her posterity. With marginal note that the King objected to an expression at first inserted, that the war was in aid of the Protestant religion, "because, saith he, I mean to make use of all religions to compasse my ends," and therefore that expression was omitted; on which the Prince said, "I thought they had been too religious to have left out the Protestant religion, the true religion of God."

March 23. 20, 21. Two copies of the above.

[March 23.] 22. Another copy, with the preamble of presentation [by the Archbp. of Canterbury].

[March 23.] 23. Another copy [by Nicholas].

March 23. 24. Reply of the King to the above address. The sum they have declared themselves willing to grant will suffice for entrance on the business, though much short of what will be required. Thanks for their strong resolution to support him with life and estate, and for their offers. Did not ask their advice to put scorn upon it, but wished to be well advised before undertaking so great a matter. Will annul the treaties, relying on their assistance, both with counsel and forces. Ordered Buckingham to relate the Spanish affair, in order to convince them that all forbearance had been tried and failed. Was always determined to win back the Palatinate, and would rather go thither in his own person, old as he is, than fail. Will spend on the war every penny of the money now granted, but begs they will remember him, as his customs will decrease by war. Hopes that though he has broken three Parliaments, this will end happily.

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Although the money be spent by order of their Committees, there must be a secret council of war, lest his designs be discovered, and he must have the control of the war himself, but will avoid the delays hitherto incurred, in the honest hope to do all by treaty. [Copy [by Nicholas], with note that it was read to the King, who applauded its correctness.]

[March 23.] 25–28. Four copies of the above.

[March 23.] 29. Another copy, with note of a clause inserted into it, as reported to the Houses, by command of the King, that though he had broken three Parliaments, he hoped they should deserve so well of each other that this should be called a happy Parliament, and make him greater and happier than any King before him.

March 23. 30. Sir Edw. Conway, jun., to [Carleton]. Landed on Sunday, and found all men cast down. Committees of both Houses had waited on the King to offer their assistance, on the relation made by Buckingham of the Spanish treaty. He objected against the words that "he was sensible of the King of Spain's insincerity," said he was neither sensible nor insensible, and had not yet declared himself; for when Jupiter spoke, it should be accompanied with his thunder. He thanked them for their general offers, but, to come to particulars, said if they would give him five subsidies and ten fifteenths for the war, and one subsidy and two fifteenths for himself, he would declare himself. A few days later the "glorious Prince" cleared up the doubts that troubled the Houses, by his assurance that the King would abide by what the Duke had said, would waive his request for the subsidies for himself, if all might go to the war, and would not, as reported, go on with a Spanish treaty. The House began to debate; the only knave was Sir Geo. Chaworth, who opposed the breach with Spain. Mr. Wentworth, an honest lawyer, spoke in opposition to him; some were so zealous that they would give all, even to their shirts; others harped on the poverty of the country, and would not consent to give; some were willing to give for the war, but jealous lest the King should take the money to himself, and wished restrictions; at last the House voted three subsidies and three fifteenths, to be paid in a year after the declaration of the breach of the treaties, which declaration the King made, with loving acceptance of the offer, protesting that he would not touch a penny himself, and would do his utmost to recover the Palatinate. The general joy was expressed in bonfires, and Lord Verulam ran into debt to give four dozen faggots and twelve gallons of wine. The Spanish Ambassador made a complaint that stones and firebrands were flung at his house. The King sent it to the Lower House, but they rejected it, as no business of theirs. The Ambassador also complained of some expressions from Buckingham, in his relation to Parliament, reflecting on the King of Spain, but on reference to the Houses, they praised his relation and his conduct in Spain; and the King added that he had given an ill precedent to Ambassadors, for he had spent 40,000*l.* in his journey, and asked no recompence for it. Never was one man so beloved of King,

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Prince, and people. The Earl of Rutland was only saved by him from censure, for being the only Papist Lord who objected to the word religion in the subsidy grant, which stated that the money was for the defence of religion, and the King's daughter, and her children, and for satisfaction of the wrongs done to the King and Prince.

March 23. Dover. 31. Dr. Rich. Zouch to Lord Zouch. Declaration made by Parliament to the King, and his reply. The Dover election is likely to be disallowed, as not made with the assent of the freemen.

March 23. Aldermanbury. 32. Sir Rich. Younge to the Same. The election for Dover is declared void, because the summons for the meeting did not intimate that it was for the election of a burgess, and because the mayor spoke hesitatingly as to whether the election should be general or not, thus implying the right of the freemen, and he was pressed that the freemen should be allowed to vote. Gen. Cecil [fellow-member with Younge, for Dover] went away at the very beginning, seeing how it was likely to turn, without ever speaking in the cause, saying that Count Maurice had sent for him, and he could not be turned out of the House at a better time. Mainwaring was there, but did not speak. He and Wilsford are canvassing for votes.

March 23. Warrant to the officers of the Port of Dover to suffer the transportation of three horses, sent by the Duke of Buckingham to M. de la Chapella, notwithstanding the late restraint. [*Docquet.*]

March 23. 33. Petition of the Town of Dover to Lord Treas. Middlesex, to favour their suit to the King for the impost of three tuns of wine yearly, to assist in the expenses of erecting their new Custom House. [*Draft by Nicholas.*]

March 23. Maidstone. 34. Mayor and Jurats of Maidstone to Lord Zouch. Request his approval of their election of Thos. Carkaredge, as a Jurat of that town, notwithstanding his Lordship's previous request that he may be spared, being a Gunner of Sandgate Castle.

March 24. 35. Sir Rich. Harrison to Carleton. Private affairs. Parliament is likely to last a year before it is dissolved. Particulars of the declaration made by the House to the King, and of his reply, which pleases so well that he may have anything he desires.

March 25. 36. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. The declaration of Parliament to the King was amended from the first draft, by adding the word "public" to the mention of His Majesty's declaration for dissolution of the treaties, the House wishing to have it published either by proclamation or manifesto to foreign powers; also by adding the word "utter" to the discharge of the treaties, as a pledge that the King would not, on some new hopes, renew them. The Lords struck out the passage, "no one dissenting," because the Earl of Rutland, probably on a promise given to his confessor, had voted against it. Buckingham having shown the draft to the King,—for which informality he craved pardon, his intention being to make sure that it

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would be accepted,—His Majesty requested the omission of the clause that the war was for "the true religion of Almighty God," &c., because he hoped to have help from Catholic princes, and would be careful not to have it made a war of religion. This declaration was presented by the Archbp. of Canterbury to the King, who made a reply which was well reported. Some jealousy arose because the name of the King of Spain was not mentioned, along with those of the Emperor and Duke of Bavaria, as an enemy to be attacked; because the King desired to be remembered on his own account; and also lest his mention of the annulling of the treaties should be in place of the declaration expected. This last fear was removed by Buckingham's assurance that His Majesty is sending to Spain to annul the treaties, and that he will say so to the Ambassadors here. Whisperers next objected that the King had given hopes of taking the Parliament's advice in the dissolution of treaties, on which His Majesty allowed persons appointed by the two Houses to draw up such a manifesto as is desired, for him to use when the time comes. There are also bills for free trade, for reducing usury to 8 per cent., for reviving all the acts against Papists, and preventing their eluding them by making over their estates to others. This last act had only one dissentient, Lord St. John, of Basing; but the King stormed at it, and blamed Buckingham for voting for it. "Stilus veteranus," [Sir Geo. Chaworth] was put out of the House, as unduly elected for Arundel; the case being doubtful, he might have kept his post, but for the ill impression of his former speech. The King did not much approve of bonfires, as being a triumph before a victory, but the people, not so considerate, lighted the largest before the Spanish Ambassador's house; he has complained of affronts, and a motion was made in the Commons to punish the offenders, but they are referred to Council, with a general reprobation of such barbarism. Some blame the ambassadors for raising scandals and guarding their house. Olivarez, hearing of Bristol's disgrace, offered him any office or estate he liked, if he would remain in Spain; but he declined, trusting in his own innocence and the King's justice, and preferring even to lose his head on a scaffold in England, than to be a great man in Spain. He pleads inability to return for lack of money, so some is made over to him. Padre Maestro has arrived, and complains of being robbed of his papers, &c., at Montreuil. Some think this is a feint, to avoid the scorn of entering into a negociation which comes too late. Lord Kensington urges the sending of his commission, finding them forward enough [in France].

March 25. London. 37. Sir Cavalero Maycote to Lord Zouch. All the world is turned upside down, the King being at last resolved to devolve the power of war on to the Prince, who is much inclined thereto. Grant of subsidies by Parliament, who have nominated the Prince as Treasurer. 6,000 troops are to be sent into Ireland, which is in great danger from the multitude of Jesuits, priests, and bishops sent there by the Pope to make rebellion; and also 1,000 men, paid by the King, are to assist the States.

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March 25. Aldermanbury. 38. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Hears with surprise that Sir Hen. Mainwaring will stand for the election [for Dover], and that Sir Thos. Wilsford is the second candidate. Mainwaring's desire is to prove that, though his Lordship does not respect him, he has the love of the people, and may be restored some day to his place.

March 25. 39. General Sir Edw. Cecil to the Same. By the malice of Sir Hen. Mainwaring, Lord Zouch's two burgesses [for Dover, Sir Rich. Younge and Sir Edw. Cecil] are put out of the House, as not being elected, according to ancient law, by the Commons. If this law were generally followed, few would be left to sit in Parliament; the places should be recovered if possible.

March 25. Orlingbury. 40. Robt. Tanfield to the Same. Is anxious about the well placing out of his cousins, Wm. and Zouch Tate. The suit about the parsonage shall proceed as speedily as possible.

March 25. 41. Suggestions for provisoes to be added to the bill touching probates of suggestions, in cases of prohibitions in suits for tithes.

March 26. [Whitehall.] 42. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Petre. The King is anxious about impaling a place for preservation of the fowl which are his chief pleasure about Newmarket, and therefore desires his Lordship to require his tenant to suffer the pales to be put up on the ground required, on promise of immediate payment of "conscionable satisfaction" for its value, which is remitted to his Lordship's decision.

March 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 113.]

March 26. Aldersgate Street. 43. Lord Petre to Sec. Conway. Will write to his tenant to yield to his Majesty's wish to have a piece of ground in his manor near Newmarket enclosed for preservation of wild fowl, and will then be a suitor for recompence for him.

March 26. Canterbury. 44. Sir Geo. Newman to Lord Zouch. A French boat, fishing with nets finer than permitted, may be legally forfeited, the nets burned, and the master and sailors fined and imprisoned during pleasure.

March 26. 45. Copy of the above.

March 26. Grant to Rich. Bishop, on surrender of John Bowles, of the office of Serjeant-at-Arms. [*Docquet.*]

March 26. 46. Locke to Carleton. Particulars of the addresses of Parliament to the King, and his replies, March 20 and 23. There were public rejoicings on the King's speech of the 23d.

March 27. London. 47. Sir Rich. Harrison to Lady Carleton. Private business. Parliament goes on well; the people are overjoyed at a war to recover the Queen [of Bohemia's] patrimony, and are prepared to sacrifice life and fortune in it.

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March 28. 48. Account of the yearly assessment of the inhabitants of St. Swithin's, parish of Walbrook. Total, 37*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

March 28. Westminster. Warrant for payment to Sir Marmaduke Darell, Cofferer of the Household, of 39*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, balance of 739*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, expended for entertainment of certain falconers come from the French King; 700*l.* whereof has been paid to Wm. Lamplugh, whose acquittance is to be cancelled, and the whole sum to be entered on the Cofferer's book. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 1.]

March 28. London. 49. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Private affairs. Sir Hen. Wotton has lately presented Buckingham with many curious pictures, whereby it is thought he aims at the Provostship of Eton. The Prince chose Fras. Carey to carry the good news of the breach of the treaties to the Hague. Committees of the Houses are appointed to frame a manifesto of the reasons of the advice given by Parliament to the King. The Commons have picked a hole in Sir Geo. Chaworth's election, and expelled him, for preposterous speeches made against the stream of the whole House, about breaking the treaties. Sir Edw. Cecil is also suspended for a flaw in his election. The States' Ambassadors have had an audience, and interviews with Buckingham and Sec. Conway, but are discontented that nothing was said expressly about war. Padre Maestro has arrived, and might have seen, if he chose, many a bonfire for joy of the King's declaration. He professes to be robbed of his papers.

March 29. London. 50. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Sec. Conway was sent to the Spanish Ambassadors, to complain of wrongs in arresting English and Dutch vessels. They partly excused what was done, and partly confessed their people to be in the wrong, and promised to write about it. They complained of a speech in Parliament about attacking Madrid, and said if it were attempted, the Spanish women would drive back our army. Sec. Conway denied hearing of any such speech or project, but merrily added that it needed not an army of women to beat us, as one woman would have kept all the English from going there, save in friendship; but that we should not wonder at valiant women, having heard of such in 1588. He added that the failure of the marriage treaty need not interfere with the friendship which began long before, and they parted with mutual compliments. Death of the Earl of Dorset.

March 29. Aldermanbury. 51. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Sends a writ for a new election of barons for Dover. Sir Edwin Sandys labours for Wilsford and Mainwaring. Hopes to be chosen in again, the rather because the House expressed approbation of their persons, with an implied intimation to the freemen to choose them. Will have this order of the House read at the election. Will lend his Lordship the money he requires, but will have to borrow part of it on security.

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March 29. Whitehall. 52. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln, Visct. Grandison, and Lord Chichester. The Spanish Ambassadors importune for a reply to a petition touching the Earl of Ormond, thinking he suffers injustice. The King wishes to know the cause of the Earl's restraint, that the Ambassadors may be satisfied of His Majesty's justice.

March 29. Whitehall. Minute of the above, addressed also to Lord Pres. Mandeville. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 113.]

March 29. Whitehall. 53. [The Same] to Sir Thos. Tresham. Is informed of great disorders in Higham Ferrers Park, the game lying abroad, the pales decayed and broken down, and all things so disorderly that the keeper refuses to take charge of it, till a survey is made of the state in which he finds it. Requests him and Mr. Ogle to expedite the certificate they were required to make, on the state of the park.

March 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 113.]

March 30. 54. The King to the Archbp. of York. To pass the inheritance of York House to the Duke of Buckingham, at the present assembly of Parliament, which is the proper time for confirming such grants. His compliance cannot injure his own see, as lands of greater profit shall be given in exchange, and the house has not for a long time past been used as a bishop's residence. Moved Buckingham to take the house, and wishes the honour of settling such a servant in it.

March 30. 55. Copy of the above.

March 30. Docquet of the above.

March 30. 56. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sec. Conway. Recommends the petition of the Earl of Dorset's executors, for protection against his creditors. They are surety for his debts, and have sufficient lands assigned to discharge them, but require time to dispose of the lands, and meanwhile are willing to pay interest and give good security.

March 30. Westminster. Grant to the Town of Tutbury in Staffordshire of a market every Saturday, in lieu of every Tuesday, and of two new fairs yearly. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 2.]

March 30. Westminster. Grant to Rich. Williams of lease of lands in cos. York, Northumberland, Cumberland, Huntingdon, and Cambridge, value 49*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, at request of Robt. May of the bedchamber, and in consideration of his faithful service. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 3.]

March 30. Westminster. Warrant to Lord Treas. Middlesex to instal the payment by Dr. John Hanmer, of 168*l.* 16*s.* 4¼*d.* first fruits of the bishoprick of St. Asaph, and of 67*l.* 6*s.* 0¼*d.*, first fruits of the Archdeaconry thereunto annexed, to be paid in four years. [*Ibid., No.* 4.]

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March 31. Westminster. Grant to John Fletcher of lease of lands at the former rents in Spalding and elsewhere, co. Lincoln, value 19*l.* 19*s.* per ann., on account of his service to the King in exchanging the manor of St. Neot's, and his relinquishing two offices there, value 20*l.* per ann. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 5.]

March 31. Docquet of the above.

March 31. Old Bailey. 57. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sec. Conway. Sends the draft of a commission for the Earl of Carlisle and Lord Kensington. That drawn up by Mr. Read was too fine and not legal enough.

March 31. Theobalds. 58. [Sec. Conway] to Sol. Gen. Heath. Sends the petition [for protection of the Earl of Dorset's executors] and the King's reference on it; when it is dispatched by Council, his Majesty will do his part; is glad that Heath has made the legal body match the preamble so well. Sir Fras. Nethersole could not help much in it, being only a University orator. Mr. Read has scarcely a match for largeness of knowledge in foreign courts.

March 31. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

March 31. Westminster. 59. The King to the Wardens of New College, Oxford, and of Winchester College. For Thos. Reade, a Winchester scholar, to be chosen for the first Scholarship vacant at New College.

March 31. London. 60. Sir Fras. Nethersole to Carleton. Requests his favour in reference to the payment of his moneys.

March 31. London. 61. The Same to [the Same]. The States' Ambassadors wish the King to join in setting out a fleet against Spain, but he hesitates, because our merchants there have not had time to withdraw their goods; yet one of the Cabinet said that the Prince and Duke would gain that point ere long. The Duke is gone down to Chatham, to examine what ships are fit for defence or otherwise. The Spanish Ambassadors had an audience, at which there was loud talking, but no one will say what passed. They offered to take leave, but His Majesty put them off till his return to town. The Earl of Carlisle and Lord Kensington are going to treat for a match with France, which is little liked generally. The Queen [of Bohemia] should not declare her liking for it, as it may seem inconsistent with her former dislike of a Catholic match.

March? 62. Statement that the request of the Earl of Exeter, in his bill before Parliament, is, that certain leases which he has made of lands entailed upon him by his late father may hold good, although the terms of the entail render it doubtful whether he can pass lands in lease which he has already granted in jointure, or vice versâ.

March. 63. Statement, on behalf of Sir Edw. Fisher, of proceedings in a cause pending seventeen years in Chancery, between his late father Thos. Fisher and himself, and John Wrenham, relative to the lease of certain lands, of which Wrenham has fraudulently obtained possession. With note that such portion only as relates to Fisher the son is brought before Parliament. Printed.

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March. 64. Statement on behalf of Sir Edw. Fisher of proceedings for nine years in the Exchequer and Chancery, in a cause between himself and Sir Fras. Neale, relative to certain tenements falsely alleged by Neale to belong to the rectory of Mickleton, co. Gloucester, and of the grievances thereon arising, for redress of which Fisher appeals to Parliament. Printed.

March. 65. Bill of charges by Thos. Wright, Messenger of the Chamber, for post horses, guides, &c., in riding post twice from the Court at Newmarket to London.

March. 66. Similar Bill of charges of Ralph Robinson, Messenger.

March? 67. Account [by one of the falconers] of the subdivisions of the 24 falconers ordinarily kept by the King, and of the additions that will be required in keeping hawks for the crow and the magpie, the present stock being 30 cast of hawks, with dogs, which cannot follow the Court without charge.

March? 68. Wm. Burrell to the [Navy Commissioners]. Gives a detailed account of the present state of the navy, and makes propositions by which, on or before the year 1635, a new dock may be erected at Chatham, and the whole of the ships repaired or rebuilt; with a calculation of expense, both for the ordinary charges of the navy and these extraordinaries.

[March.] 69. Statement of losses sustained by Sir John Danvers, brother of Lord Danvers, in several transactions with the Crown, in compensation for which, and for his seven years service to Prince Henry, the payment of his pension of 500*l.*, which is seven years in arrear, is urged. [*See Oct.* 9, 1620.]

March? 70. Statement of the terms of the contracts made by the King with Sir Arth. Ingram for the alum works, of the benefit he is supposed to have reaped therefrom, amounting in seven years to 53,900*l.*, and of the disadvantageous terms to the King in which the works now stand; with proposal that compensation be claimed from Sir Arthur for his failure of covenants, and his grants be withdrawn, by issuing a commission to examine into the state of the alum works and the contracts upon them.

March? 71. Statement of the points on which Sir Art. Ingram has failed to fulfil his contract for the alum works, of the excuses that he will probably allege in his own vindication, and of the fallacy of those excuses.

March? 72. The King to [Att. Gen. Coventry], to draw up a commission to Visct. Grandison, Lord Chichester, and others, to examine into the state of the alum works, and the performance of the contracts with Sir Art. Ingram and Sir Thos. Bludder, the latter of which has now expired, and to state how the works may be most profitably settled in future.

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April 1. 1. Certificate by the Mayor of Newcastle, and other commissioners for the conservancy of the River Tyne, of their proceedings since Michaelmas 1623. Have ordered the repair of sundry wharfs broken down in the winter, forbidden the men of Gateshead to throw ashes, &c., near the river, and fined shipmasters who threw their ballast into boats on the river.

April 1. 2. Estimate by the Navy Commissioners of the charge of setting forth twelve of the King's ships for six months. Total, 51,156*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*

April 1. Rye. 3. Mayor of Rye to Lord Zouch. Has certified the Frenchmen that their boat and nets are forfeited, and they fined; to which sentence they submit, and ask leave to buy back the boat.

April 1. 4. Speech of the Duke of Buckingham to a Committee of both Houses of Parliament, in the Painted Chamber. The King has told the Spanish Ambassadors that both treaties are broken off. Has visited the navy, and consulted the officers whether they know any means of furnishing the necessary supplies, but they do not. Would gladly spend his own fortune, but that will not suffice. The loss of two months would lose the whole year. Suggests a plan, which the Lords approve, of borrowing from moneyed men, on Parliamentary security. Time presses, for Spain is preparing a fleet larger than that of 1588, and the Dunkirkers attack vessels on our very coasts. On inquiry, the Duke said he thought 100,000*l.* would suffice.

April 1. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. The despatch for Spain, &c., shall be prepared and brought to the King to-morrow. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

April 1. Whitehall. 5. Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Thinks the spoil of fowl in Lincolnshire and elsewhere, in the time of moulting, will be best remedied by an Act of Parliament, and has drawn one up, so penned that it will not be opposed.

April 2. Whitehall. 6. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. The King will be pleased with his Lordship's efforts to procure a law for the preservation of fowl, having before ordered steps to be adopted for that purpose. Requests an order for payment of his intelligence money, fee, and pension; the whole benefit of the Secretary's place does not defray half its charges.

April 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

April 2. 7. Deed of conveyance by Michael West, of Towcester, to Sir John Lambe, of Rothwell, Northamptonshire, of the pastures, &c., which he holds from the Prince of Wales, and which were previously mortgaged to Lambe, and forfeited.

April 3. 8. Locke to Carleton. Private affairs. The King has broken off both the treaties, and licensed the Spanish Ambassadors to go when they please. A Council of War is to be formed. Names of many of its members. Proceedings talked of against the Lord Treasurer and Lord Keeper, but both are likely to stand.

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[April 3.] 9. Petition of the House of Commons to the King, that considering the mischief done by the seductions of Papists, their unwonted concourse about London, and flocking to mass at Ambassadors' houses, the preparations for invasion in Spain, and danger from a Catholic party in the kingdom, &c., all Jesuits and seminary priests may be banished by proclamation, all recusants disarmed, all licences for their repair to London withdrawn, resort to mass forbidden, recusants removed from places of trust in their counties, and generally all laws put into execution against them, and not slackened on any marriage treaty with or request from a foreign Prince. [*This seems to be the Petition as sent by the Commons to the Lords, which was afterwards contracted. See Commons Journ., Vol.* I., *p.* 756, *and April* 23, *infra.*]

[April 3.] 10, 11. Two copies of the above.

April 3. London. 12. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. On the reassembling of Parliament, the Duke stated, on the King's behalf, that he had, according to his promise, declared to the King of Spain his assent to his people's petition for dissolution of the two treaties. The Prince and Duke testified to seeing the King's letters, and bearing his declarations to the Ambassadors. Buckingham urged the necessity of laying in immediate provisions for the Navy; said he had taken up 5,000*l.* worth on his own credit, but could not do more, and suggested that moneyed men should advance sums, on assurance by Parliament of repayment from the first subsidy, the money to be disbursed by Commissioners appointed by both Houses. The House of Commons being thin, postponed their reply thereon. The point of a motion against recusants was then moved; the necessity of the times, if there be a foreign war, the contentment of the people, and the trial it would afford of the good hopes conceived, being the reasons urged in its favour. The last petition against them was called for, altered in a committee, and sent up to the Lords, who declined an immediate answer, on pretence of want of time, but really that his Majesty may be secretly informed of it, so that if he be disposed to grant it, the form of it may be made acceptable to him. If he refuse, all the hopes formed will be dashed. The Lower House is much inclined to condemn as a grievance the patent of the merchant adventurers, and one ground is that they assume a right to impose taxes of 5*s.* and 7*s.* 6*d.* on short and long cloths exported, for reimbursement of the 50,000*l.* they gave the King, to put down the new company. They profess to have thus raised only 14,000*l.*, though it is thought it is nearer 80,000*l.*; if the patent he condemned, they will clamour to the King for the rest of the debt. The House renews the demand they made last session, of the account books of the company, who employ pretences of all sorts to keep them back. The Lord Treasurer is questioned in the Upper House, about the purchase of Dallison's lands and the ordnance accounts, and in the Lower House, for

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authorizing the continuation of the impositions laid on wines to maintain the Palatinate wars, and for extending to the out ports an imposition on groceries, agreed to by the London Grocers' Company, on composition with the Purveyor of the Household. His credit with the King is as great as ever. Fowles' patent for gold and silver wire is called in question, because his wire is of less value and yet of higher price than that imported, and consumes much bullion. Sir Edw. Villiers, who is interested in it, whispered something to Sir Edw. Coke, who insisted on his withdrawal, but he was permitted to sit again the next day. Mr. Lovell is sent to the Tower by the Lower House, for returning himself a second time as a member, without being elected afresh. Sir Alb. Morton is to succeed Sir Edw. Herbert in France. Lord Digby says he will take leave in Spain and return home, to put himself on a public trial. The warlike preparations there are thought to be against Algiers. The King is angry at the loss of Lord Kensington's papers, which would have shown what hopes of satisfaction he had from France. Padre Maestro casts suspicion upon the loss. Inijosa challenged Buckingham either to be friends or have war. The Spanish Ambassadors are in no great haste to be gone. The States' Ambassadors pretend to need no help from us, but boast of aid from France, hoping thereby to make a good bargain with us, but they may fail, as the King still inclines to Spain. Sir Robt. Anstruther and Sir Isaac Wake hope to be gone in ten days.

April 4. London. 13. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. The States' Ambassadors have had a long audience, with much content, but the King will go his own pace, and not act hastily. The Spanish Ambassadors have presented Padre Maestro, who says he thinks those who stole his papers were English. Inijosa said we had better declare war than be at such uncertainties, to which Buckingham replied, that if half as much were done in Spain as is done here, we should declare war. Lord Carlisle goes Ambassador Extraordinary to France, with commissions both for a league and for the marriage, and Sir Albert Morton is to take Sir Edw. Herbert's place as Ordinary. Buckingham went down to Chatham to view the fleet. He mentioned in Parliament news of 150 or 200 flat-bottomed boats providing in Flanders, and a fleet ready to sail from Spain, and desired means to supply the deficiencies in the King's ships, and security from the subsidies for advance of moneys therefor. A petition is framing for disarming recusants, and banishing them five miles from London, and Priests and Jesuits out of the kingdom. The Lord Treasurer is called in question about Sir Roger Dallison's estate, neglect of the fortresses, &c., and is much dejected. His late conduct in Parliament, and his bringing home Arthur Brett, his kinsman, by whom he wished to supplant Buckingham, have brought him into this trouble, which is rather a private grudge between him and Buckingham. Sir Hen. Wotton is likely to have Eton; his wants have raised compassion, and he has resigned into

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Buckingham's hands his reversion of the Mastership of the Rolls, which is wisely done, as Sir Julius Cæsar is reflected on for his want of law, and Wotton would have been still more so. Vain efforts to obtain some promotion for Carleton. Sec. Calvert is in ill health, and talks of resigning the Secretaryship to him. Thinks Sec. Conway would not oppose it.

April 4. Letter to Moses Tryon, commanding him either to suffer the Keeper of the King's game in Gretton Woods to hunt home the King's deer which stray into his park, or to keep the fences in such repair that they may not come in. [*Docquet.*]

April 4. 14. Memorandum of MS. books delivered to Mr. Eversfield, containing the reasons for maintenance of the Charter [of the Cinque Ports], relating to subsidies, free trade, prisage, &c., and also all the documents concerning their right of trawling, in answer to the bill against it last Parliament.

April 4. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to M. Beaulieu. To prepare a letter granting the Scottish company in France to the youngest son of the Prince Palatine, and another, to thank M. Montmartin for sending over a vigneron. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

April 5. [Whitehall.] 15. [The Same] to the Justices of the Peace of Surrey. Request them to put the laws into execution, as far as possible, against Taddy Farnwall, who has killed a red deer in Windsor Forest, the King being very particular to have justice done in such cases.

April 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

April 5. 16. Locke to Carleton. The Houses are petitioning for execution of the laws against recusants, and a clause is proposed to desire the King not to qualify them on the intercession of any foreign Prince; but some think this unreasonable. The recusants boast that the Spanish Ambassadors have obtained promise of a mitigation towards them, in convenient time. Many of them will leave the country, if the laws are put in execution.

April 5. Sandwich. 17. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Lord Zouch. Have examined John Menes about the quarrel between him and Sir Wm. Barnes, and taken bond of him for appearance when required, and for keeping the peace.

April 5. Rye. 18. Mark Thomas [Mayor of Rye], to the Same. Has received a letter from the Ambassador in France, in behalf of the French fishermen. Has told them that they have no resource but to make their peace with his Lordship, or they will be blamed for the untruths they have told the Ambassador. *Incloses,*

18. 1. *Sir Edw. Herbert to the Mayor of Rye. Writes at request of the Duchess of Guise, in behalf of Honoré Berthe (or Hebbart) and his companions, French fishermen detained at Rye, having been forced on the English coast, as they say, by a tempest, for restoration of their bark and nets, so that the French may be led, by our example, to mild and gentle courses. Paris, March* 29.

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18. II. *Examinations of Honoré Hebbart (Berthe) and John Fayne. Were sent by the French King's Purveyor to catch fish, and, the weather being misty, got onto the English coast, not knowing it, and caught fish there. Were chased and taken by Geo. Brodbridge. Rye, March* 20.

April 5. 19. Petition of Hen. Berthe [Honoré Hebbart], and seven other fishers of Picardy, to Lord Zouch. Acknowledge their offence in catching fish with trawling nets on the English coast, and beg for restoration of their boat, on paying its reasonable value.

April 5. 20. Reasons offered to Parliament by Sir Robt. Sharpeigh and Alex. Hartley, in favour of their patent for survey of seacoal at Newcastle. Printed.

April 5. Theobalds. 21. Visct. Annandale to Sec. Conway. Has delivered certain letters to the King, who takes exception to those to Sir Isaac Wake.

April 6. Theobalds. 22. The Same to the Same. The King accepts his apology for sending letters to him that he had not read, on his offer that the like not shall occur again.

April ? 23. Note of a request for a letter to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, for Ellis Beverley to succeed to the vicarage of Langley, if the vicar die ; signed, Mary Vere.

April 6. [Whitehall.] 24. [Sec. Conway] to the Dean and Canons of Windsor. Requests that Mr. Beverley, Lecturer at Langley, an able man and much esteemed by the parishioners, may succeed to the vicarage, in case of the death of the vicar.

April 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 114.]

April 6. London. 25. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Sec. Calvert is willing to resign his place upon reasonable terms to Sir Dudley. The easterly wind has kept letters at Gravesend three weeks.

April 6. Warrant to pay to Sir Patrick Murray 500*l.*, for the King's private service. [*Docquet.*]

April 6. Presentation of Jas. Chrithley to the rectory of Croston, diocese of Chester. [*Docquet.*]

April 6. Grant to John Forsize of an almsroom in St. Peter's, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

April 7. Aldermanbury. 26. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Private money affairs. The House of Commons is thin since Easter. The Lords have suggested alterations in a petition proposed against recusants. Has private reasons for believing the Lord Treasurer's case desperate. Sir Alex. Temple is petitioning against the Winchelsea election.

April 7. 27. Sir John Jephson to Sec. Conway. Forwards his petition; it was delayed because the Lord Treasurer advised him at Christmas not to present it, on account of the scarcity of money.

April 8. Theobalds. 28. Petition of Edw. Emerson to the King, for prolongation of protection from the creditors of the late Thos. Emerson, for whom he was surety, having paid 3,000*l.* out of 6,000*l.* of his debts, and wishing time to discharge the remainder. With reference thereon.

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April 8. Whitehall. 29. The King to the Lord Mayor of London. Requires that the privileges of Lord Kensington within the liberties of St. Bartholomew the Great, which belongs to him, and is exempt from the jurisdiction of the City, be not encroached upon, especially during his employments on the King's service, and that all impeachments thereof be forborne, till the right be legally determined.

[April 8.] 30. Statement of the cause of Dame Mary Bulkeley *v.* Rich. Bulkeley, her grandchild. She claimed possession of all the freehold lands of the late Sir Rich. Bulkeley as jointure, and also of his leases as executrix; but both causes were decided against her. Reasons why the bill preferred thereon by her to Parliament should not proceed, the case remaining still before the courts of law, and being well considered by the chief legal authorities.

April? 31. Statement of the charges against Lord Treas. Middlesex; that his harsh dealing with the farmers of Petty Customs, on their application for allowance for loss sustained by the additional impost on French wines, drove them to have recourse to the King; that his Majesty promised them redress, and referred them to the Treasurer, who consented to allow them 9500*l.* but delayed to draw out the grant until they bribed him with 500*l.*; also that he received a similar bribe from the farmers of the Great Customs.

April 9. 32. Answer of Lord Treas. Middlesex to two charges of bribery brought against him in the House of Commons. Denies receiving 500*l.* from the farmers of the Petty Customs, as alleged, or 500*l.* from the farmers of the Great Customs for accepting their bonds for 7,000*l.*, but sold out part of his interest in the Customs for 1,000*l.* Desires a speedy course for discovering the truth. With note that this answer was drawn up and presented to the House by Rich. Willis.

April 9. Lewes. 33. Justices of Sussex to the Council. John Clapham, who claims maintenance as a soldier, can produce no proof that he ever resided in or was pressed from the county, which is already overburdened with pensions.

April 9. Chester. 34. Order made in the Common Hall of Chester, on Wm. Edwards' petition, that he be admitted into the Company of Merchants, or reasons shown to the contrary.

April 9. [Whitehall.] 35. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He is to order a Privy Seal for 300*l.* for Sir John Bath, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, as the King's free gift. [*Minute.*]

April 9. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 115.]

April 9. 36. Statement of the case in the Star Chamber, of Robt. Smith, Wm. Stannard, and others, plaintiffs, accusing Oliver Havers and others, defendants, of a conspiracy to obtain their estates, by indicting them for robbery, obtaining through some of the King's servants grants of their estates, if found guilty, and proceeding secretly against them in the King's Bench, where they were arraigned, but acquitted.

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April 9. London. 37. Wm. Lord Petre to Sec. Conway. The reason of the delay in enclosing the ground at Newmarket for His Majesty's wild fowl is, that the tenant wishes to see the ground that is to be taken in, but has not yet been there. Hopes not to be suspected of slackness.

April 10. [Whitehall.] 38. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Petre. His tenant denies having heard from him about the inclosure of the little ground for His Majesty's pleasure; yet the King is confident his Lordship would write to persuade his tenant, and would never doubt that just recompence would be given for the loss. Asks information.

April 10. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 115.]

April? 39. Sir John Burlacy to [Sec. Conway]. Requests the King's letter to command John King, Prebend of St. Paul's, to perform his promise, and that, having sustained loss of his fines for many years, his lease may be for three lives rather than twenty-one years. *Annexing,*

39. 1. *Statement [by Burlacy], that, there being an omission in his lease of lands belonging to the Prebend of St. Paul's, Bp. King, who gave the prebend to his second son, threatened him with law unless he would compound for a new lease, by giving up the fines for six or seven years; that he did so, and now, Bp. King being dead, the son will not fulfil the father's promise to renew the lease on reasonable terms.*

April 10. 40. The King to John King. Requests the renewal to Sir John Burlacy of his lease of prebendary lands, recapitulating the points in the preceding statement.

April 10. Brecon. 41. Rich. Turbervile and Geo. Harris, Deputy Registrar of St. David's, to Wm. Laud, Bishop. Return, according to his Lordship's order, the names of all recusants in the Archdeaconry of Brecon; the first lists returned by the Incumbents and Churchwardens being imperfect, had fresh inquisitions made, specifying their names, ages, conditions, &c. Send also the names of those who did not attend the Easter communion, and of Incumbents, &c. who have not sent in their returns. *Inclose,*

41. 1. *List of recusants in the several parishes of the Archdeaconry of Brecon, with particulars of the estate, age, &c., of many of them. Presented at the inquisition at Brecon, March* 12 *and April* 8 *and* 9.

April. 42. Copy of the above list.

April 10. Dover Castle. 43. Lord [Zouch] to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Finding that he presented Mr. Benion to Wotton Parsonage, notwithstanding being informed that not only the ward, but all livings falling due during his minority, were granted to himself (Zouch) by the late Master of the Wards, was driven to present Mr. Potter, lest his own right should lapse. Wishes no lawsuit with his Lordship, and will compensate Mr. Benion with money, but cannot withdraw Mr. Potter, as he was the tutor of his son Tate, in whose immediate neighbourhood the living is.

April 10. 44. Copy of the above.

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April 10. London. 45. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The winter has been the severest in the memory of man. Death of the Earl of Dorset; his debts are 60,000*l.*, so that he does not leave much. The Duke of Richmond has lain in state six weeks at Hatton House, and all things are performed with much solemnity for him. The Duchess shows passionate sorrow for the loss, malice says, rather of the court than her Lord, she being not young, and having lost a husband before. Sir Isaac Wake is going [to Italy], but will not take his lady with him, she is to follow in August. Report that Sir Hen. Wotton will succeed the Lord Treasurer, if he sink, as Master of the Wards. He has published a book on architecture, which is well spoken of, though his own castles have been in the air. Sir Albert Morton is said to refuse the embassy to France, which is as strange as that it is offered him. Padre Maestro had a long private interview with the King, which breeds jealousies. Parliament goes on slowly, having many rubs; they are very careful about security of religion, in which the Lords were requested to join. The Prince gratified them by the assurance that in any future marriage treaty for him, there should be no connivance with Popery, except for the lady and her foreign servants. The matters brought against the Lord Treasurer are not worse than might be found against most in his place; but his harsh and insolent behaviour, inclination to the Spanish match, entertainment of devices to raise money that impoverish the realm, hindering the calling of Parliament, plotting the last benevolence and proceeding violently in it, and his braving Buckingham and trying to set up a new idol, his wife's brother [Art. Brett], with his disrespectful conduct to the Prince, have incensed people against him. He boldly declares that he cannot be touched in faith towards his master, or in providence or impartiality in his office as Treasurer, and desires justice against his accusers. The King only looks on and leaves him to his fortune.

April 10. 46. Locke to Carleton. Private business. The Lord Treasurer has with great difficulty obtained two days' delay for making his answer. Mr. Jacob, of the Custom House, was examined, but impairs his credit by varying in his statements. There is a dispute whether, in the petition against recusants, the means for their banishment shall be prescribed. The Prince wishes it to be left to the King, but the House inclines to have it done by proclamation, and insists strongly on their being disarmed.

April 11. London. D. Carleton to [the Same]. Report that the Earl of Bristol has private orders not to leave Madrid hastily. Pedro Maestro has had several conferences with the King; it is said his business is to accuse Buckingham and defend Bristol. A fleet is preparing, towards which Buckingham has advanced 10,000*l.*, and he says that though war is not declared with Spain, it will go against Spain in the name of the Queen of Bohemia, and he would like to go as admiral. He confesses the King's consent is not yet given, but thinks it will be easily obtained. The Thames watermen are to be pressed for mariners. Victuals are preparing for the ships, but want of money is a drawback. The House has not replied to Bucking

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ham's proposal to advance part of the subsidy, it being a difficult matter. The offences hitherto proved against the Lord Treasurer are not very heinous, but all think he deserves the extremest penalty, and the Prince is against him. Sir Albert Morton is not sure of going to France, though Buckingham promises him something. Uncertainty about the Provostship of Eton. Mansfeldt is still at Boulogne; he wants to come over and live privately in London, pretending that his person is not in surety in France. [*Holl. Corresp., April* 11.]

[April 12.] 47. [Proposed] Act to stay the reversing of outlawries before or after judgment, and the putting in bail upon writs of errors, and to prevent other abuses committed by undersheriffs and attorneys; with manuscript memorandum that the committee meets on Tuesday, April 20, in the Court of Wards. Printed.

April 12. Dover Castle. 48. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Begs his influence with the King for a protection for old Sir Peter Manwood, who has returned from abroad, and wishes to be able to talk with his creditors, that he may obtain respite to pay his debts, and end his days in his own country.

[April 12.] 49. Speech [in the House of Commons, by Sir Edwin Sandys, relative to Lord Treas. Middlesex], that he has impoverished the realm by increasing imposts; that one upon wine was granted contrary to the King's covenant with the farmers of customs, and was harshly enforced by him, to the ruin of most of the merchants, they comparing their sufferings under him to those of the Israelites under their task-masters. Imperfect.

April 13. St. Martin's Lane. 50. Sec. Calvert to the Earl of Annandale. To deliver certain despatches to the King. That from Sir Thos. Roe is of importance.

April 14. Lease for 33 years to Visct. Andover, of certain customs on merchandise in Carlisle, and other places in Cumberland, and of certain tolls in Cumberland and Westmoreland, on surrender of a former lease for 40 years, and with reservation of a rent of 20*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [*Docquet.*]

April 14. Aldermanbury. 51. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. The charges in the Commons against the Lord Treasurer have not yet been sent to the Upper House. He boasts his innocence, but his answers to the Lower House were very slight. He goes to Theobalds and sees the King, but the Lords avoid him. Pains are taken to reconcile him and the great man. Lords Brooke and Belfast are spoken of to succeed him.

April? 52. Information for the Duke of Buckingham, that it should be considered how to announce the advice of Parliament, and the King's intended declaration thereon, because respect must be had to the goods of English merchants now in Spain and Flanders, the breach of the marriage treaty not necessitating a war with Spain, so that meanwhile directions for the foreign despatches must be given accordingly.

April? 53. Remembrances to the Duke of Buckingham, upon the King's declaration in Parliament, relative to despatches to be sent to foreign powers; provisions of munition for the sea; defence against attacks from Spain; practising the militia, &c.; a council of war to be appointed for Ireland and the militia.

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April 14. Theobalds. 54. The King to Lords Grandison, Carew, Brooke and others. Finding all peaceable means vain for restoring peace in Christendom, and that meanwhile the Palatinate has been wholly taken away, ha resolved, by advice of Parliament, to take up arms for its recovery, for the assistance of Holland, security of Ireland, equipment of the navy, and better ordering thereof; appoints them a council of war, to advise on the best means of promoting these objects. [*Differing from that of April* 21.]

April 14. 55. Copy of the above, with marginal corrections [by Sec. Conway].

April 14. London. 56. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Private business. Three committees of the Commons are framing the Lord Treasurer's process for the Lords. He will be made a sacrifice, for the King has forsaken him, and he has no friend; yet he goes with the rest of the council to Theobalds, and has conferences with his Majesty, though with little comfort. The world cries "Down with him;" there has been no man in England these 200 years whose ruin has been so thirsted after by all sorts of people. His downfall will cause changes of office, which make men hang on Buckingham like burrs, but the Prince is as likely to sway the balance. Advises Carleton to procure a recommendation for himself from the Queen of Bohemia. The council of war is named, and also commissioners to treat with those of the States. Count Mansfeldt is said to have landed at Gravesend. The Duke of Parma and his brother, being cast by the winds on the coast of France, made a posting journey to England.

April 14. [Whitehall.] 57. [Sec. Conway] to the Dean of Worcester. Is intreated by his sister Huncks and her daughter [Mrs. Archbold] to recommend to him Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Thornborough for the vicarages of Bromsgrove and Stoke; requests his favour therein.

April 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 115.]

April 14. [Whitehall.] 58. [The Same] to Sir Wm. Bird. Requests expedition in the suit preferred by Sir Wm. Pelham, a wise and religious man, against Marmaduke Rayner, vicar of a town near to him in Lincolnshire, whose disorderly conduct is a scandal to the church. If the motion for publication can be granted at once, the business may be prepared against next term.

April 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 115.]

April 15. [Whitehall.] 59. [The Same] to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To the same effect. Sir Wm. Pelham is too good a man to undertake such a business, except from zeal to remove one who is a blemish to the church. Begs as much expedition in the case as the rules of the court will allow.

April 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 116.]

April 15. London. 60. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Count Mansfeldt has arrived, and lodges privately at Westminster. The Lower House, in a conference with the Upper, has delivered, by Sir Edw. Coke and

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Sir Edwin Sandys, complaints against the Lord Treasurer, for bribes, extortion, oppression, &c. They are not very heinous or inexcusable in these times, but he must be sacrificed unless the King interferes. The preparations for the fleet advance very orderly, but meanwhile the Dunkirkers sail up the river and take Dutch prizes. The Lord Treasurer promises to despatch the money for the States of Friesland, but will hardly be able. Money matters. Attempts to procure Carleton's promotion in England. The Countess of Bedford promises to have influence used with the Prince for it.

April 15. Paris. 61. John Dea[con] to Lord Zouch. The Mastership of the Wards is said to be already bestowed. Thanks for the favour of his Lordship, who, as chief of the literary nobility, cherishes plebeian erudition, and irradiates him amongst others. Latin.

April 15. 62. Dr. Rich. Zouch to the Same. Regrets not having a better account to give of the ship Zouch Phœnix, but merchants are unwilling to become partners. This afternoon the Commons presented to the Lords at Whitehall the complaints brought against the Lord Treasurer, of receiving bribes, erecting new offices and raising new fees in the Court of Wards, and of oppression in raising new impositions, but this last charge was guarded with a protestation that the House desired not to question the King's power to set impositions, nor to reflect on any other of the Council. Sir Edw. Coke and Sir Edwin Sandys made the relation, and demanded justice from the Lords. It was said that the customs on sugars, formerly rented for 10,000*l.*, are now leased for 2,000*l.* to two of the Treasurer's servants, who relet them for 6,000*l.*

April? 63. Statement in defence of Sir Robt. Mansell's glass patent,—petitioned against in the House of Commons by Isaac Bungard, John Worrall, and others;—that glass being previously made with wood, to the great consumption of timber, a patent was granted for making it with seacoal, which Mansell bought from the patentees, and, after erecting furnaces which failed, in London, the Isle of Purbeck, Milford Haven, and on the Trent, established them successfully at Newcastle-on-Tyne; that Bungard endeavoured to ruin them by corrupting his clay, enticing away his workmen so that he was obliged to bring over others from abroad, and raising the price of Scotch coal; that the patent was complained of as a grievance last Parliament, but continued till Sir Robert's return from sea service; that he, suing for a new patent, obtained it by recommendation of Council. He requests Parliament to ratify it, as being a great saving of wood, giving employment to shipping in transport of materials and glass, employing 4,000 natives in making it, and providing it better and cheaper than before. Printed.

April 16. 64. Reasons presented to Parliament against Sir Robt. Mansell's patent, viz., that the invention was practised by others before the patentees, that it is injurious to the poor glass makers, enhances the price of glass, &c., with answers to the principal points in the above statement. Printed.

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April 16. Hallougl.ton. 65. Sir Thos. Roe to Sir John Lambe, Dean of the Arches. Requests his favour in a suit referred to him between Mr. Street, who has married Roe's niece, and Mr. Vow, about seats in the church of Halloughton. Street's father is lord of the town, and has much more land in it than the other.

April 17. Carmarthen. 66. Morgan Owens, Deputy Chancellor of Carmarthen, and John Bloome, Registrar of St. David's, to Wm. Laud, Bishop. According to his order, have obtained presentments of the recusants from the ministers and churchwardens of every parish. *Inclose,*

66. I. *Certificate of recusants presented in the Archdeaconries of Carmarthen, St. David's, and Cardigan, with particulars of estate, age, &c.; presented April* 5.

April. 67. Copy of the above certificate.

April 17? 68. Justices of Suffolk and Essex to the Commissioners for Trade. The restraint of bringing fullers' earth out of Kent, and the new impositions exacted by the Mayor of Rochester, will ruin many thousands of fullers, weavers, spinners, &c.

April 17. Essex House. 69. Robt. Earl of Essex to Carleton. Will rather be unmannerly in writing than neglectful, but is sure Carleton hears the occurrences of the state from better hands.

April 17. 70. Locke to the Same. Private affairs. A letter from the Lord Deputy of Ireland, complaining of want of money and neglect of his letters, reflects on the Lord Treasurer, who undertook to answer them. A Spaniard, and an Englishman named Hen. Cotton, landing in Dorsetshire, were apprehended for inquiring for recusants of note, and their letters seized.

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April 18. London. 1. Sir Edw. Conway, jun., to [Carleton]. Hopes the States' Ambassadors will now receive content. The Parliament expects a public declaration of the breach of the treaties for the match and the Palatinate to be made immediately, whereas the King wished to postpone it till occasion offered. A petition is framed against Papists, but not yet presented. Buckingham reported to the House his Majesty's letter to Sir Walter Aston, Bristol's recall, &c.; and he also read a letter from the Deputy of Ireland, complaining of the miserable state of the country, and seeking redress. Mr. Trumbull says the enemy are sending forces there. The Lower House has delighted in the ruin of the Lord Treasurer, who is weighed in the balance of justice and found wanting. Sir Edw. Coke has taken great pains about it; he would die if he could not help to ruin a great man once in seven years. The Treasurer bore himself proudly, relying on the King, who has not given him much comfort lately. Count Mansfeldt is here, and has been once privately with the Prince.

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April 18. Whitehall. 2. Sir Hen. Goodere to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Writes on behalf of his son-in-law, Nethersole, who is unwell. The petition touching priests and recusants, which the House of Commons intended as a test for the King, was sent to the Lords and recommended to the Prince, who undertook to procure its presentation. Charges against the Lord Treasurer sent up to the Lords. Sir Edw. Coke took up the point of bribery, which, after his old habit, he took pleasure in aggravating. Sir Edwin Sandys accused him of breaking off the last Parliament, causing the benevolence that ensued, and the imposition on French wines, which, from tenderness to the prerogative, was called oppression, waiving the word imposition. The King wrote to the House in defence of the Lord Treasurer, who has had several long audiences with his Majesty, since the attack on him began. More blows will be given him in the higher House, now the ice is broken. The Duke read a copy of his Majesty's despatch to Spain, breaking off his treaties there by advice of Parliament, none of his predecessors, after consulting with Parliament, having resolved otherwise than they advised. The Duke said that, in acknowledgment of their willing support, a pardon was to be granted in larger terms than usual. He also read a letter from the Lord Deputy of Ireland, complaining of neglect of his letters to the Council, soliciting help for repair of the forts, &c., which is the more necessary, as the people's words and behaviour are tumultuous and rebellious. The Prince said that a member of the Council undertook to answer those letters. This was the Lord Treasurer, who used to put such letters into his pocket, on pretence of answering them. The Duke also named an intention in Brussels to send back to Ireland the old and well disciplined Irish troops, that they might raise disturbance at home.

April 18. 3. Sir. Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Further explanation of several points mentioned in the preceding letter. The heaviest charge against the Lord Treasurer is his neglect to pay the gunpowder makers, so that the present supply of powder is very small. His Lordship is confident of his justification. The House is perplexed with the statement of the foreign policy intended, but will be satisfied when it is known that the King is lending 6,000 men to the States, under the Earls of Southampton, Oxford, and Essex. The funeral of the Duke of Richmond was marked by two arrows being carried before him, in honour of his being a good archer, and by the strange behaviour of the Duchess. The Earl of Bristol might have made friends with the Prince and Duke, if he would have joined them against Spain; but, as he refused, he has done wisely to delay his return. He is now expected in a few days.

April 18. Westminster. 4. Warrant to Lord Admiral Buckingham to equip twelve of His Majesty's ships with ordnance, provisions, and men, ready for sea.

April. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, April* 21.]

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April 18. 5. Note of a request, in behalf of the Earl of Bristol, for insertion into the bill referred to the House of Commons for restitution in blood of Carew, son of Sir Walter Raleigh, of a proviso that the clause therein enabling him to inherit lands shall not be understood to extend to Sherborne, which the King purchased of Sir Walter for 8,000*l.* and 400*l.* a year for his life, and that of his wife and eldest son, and granted to Bristol in consideration of 10,000*l.* and services. Annotated and indorsed [by Laud].

April? 6. Statement more at length of the purchase of Sherborne from Sir Walter Raleigh. The King continues to Carew Raleigh, as formerly to his deceased brother, the allowance of 400*l.* a year, and has also granted Sir Walter's goods in trust for his family. Mr. Raleigh's restitution should not prejudice his Majesty nor the Earl of Bristol, to whom Sherborne is granted by a patent, which was confirmed by the Lords last Parliament.

April 19. Winchington. 7. Elizabeth Lady Goodwin to Lord Zouch. Begs his influence with Col. Sir Edw. Cecil, to promote the son of her cousin Willoughby to the rank of lieutenant.

April 19. Berbinder Lane, London. 8. Edward Dichfield to the Same. Prays the discharge of a debt of 12*l.* 10*s.* promised a year before.

April 19. Sandwich. 9. Inquisition on the body of John Claybrooke, of the Isle of Thanet, killed by Stephen Countrey in a fight, on sudden anger.

April? 10. Petition of the Commonalty of Goldsmiths to the Warden and Assistants of the Goldsmiths' Company. Shows that lately a fresh kind of trade has sprung up among them, of changers of gold and sellers of plate and jewels, some of whom, not understanding the business, suffer strangers to sell counterfeit jewels and plate below the standard value. These abuses fail to be rectified, because the Company is partly governed by some of the offenders. Request that the four wardens may henceforth be experienced goldsmiths, and have assistants appointed, with power to redress these enormities, and make laws for benefit of the Company. [*Several of the signatures are the same as those in the following paper.*]

April 19. 11. Certificate of the workmen goldsmiths, addressed to Parliament, that the bill preferred by the Wardens of the Goldsmiths' Company is a grievance, and a taking away of their livelihood.

April 19. 12, 13. Two notes of cloth for mourning cloaks sent to the [Archbp. of Canterbury] for the funeral of the Duke of Richmond; with notes relating to cloth for the funerals of the Earl of Exeter, the Duke of Lenox, Lady Periam, and the Queen.

[April 19.] 14. Act of incorporation of the Apothecaries of London, "for avoiding all deceipts and abuses in making and compounding of phisicall receipts and medicines, and for the suppressing of empericks & unskilfull practizers and professours of the art or misterie of apothecaries, in and about the citty of London."

[April 19.] 15. Brief of the above Act.

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April 19. London. 16. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Count Mansfeldt removed from his obscure lodging to Abraham Williams' house, Palace Yard, Westminster, and was there visited by Buckingham and other Lords, taken in one of the Prince's coaches to Theobalds, extraordinarily well received by the King, and at night brought to lodge in St. James's, in rooms near the Prince; he has a plentiful table, and every show of welcome; this is done, not with any real intention to find him the employment he desires, but to spite the Spaniards, who hate him, and to satisfy the Parliament of the King's resolution. Buckingham has urged the Lower House to hasten the subsidies, on account of the threats of Spain, especially at Brussels, whence an Irish regiment of experienced soldiers is to be sent back to Ireland, to raise a rebellion, the people being disposed to mutiny, and the King's soldiers discontented for want of pay, which has often been applied for in vain. But the House is still jealous of his Majesty, and desires some public manifesto, fearing that when the money is given, a rotten peace may be made, the rather because, though the ships are victualling, no mariners are pressed. The States' Ambassadors also complain of slackness. The Prince reflected much on the Lord Treasurer, for negligence in the affairs of Ireland; his censure is busily preparing, yet he still goes to Court, but is unregarded and despised. The Duke of Richmond was buried to-day, with as much state as if he had been a Prince of England. Cautionary towns are requested by us from the States, in exchange for assistance, but they dislike this, and say they come rather to offer assistance for the Palatinate than to ask succours.

April 20. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Sends letters from Spain, and gives an account of the proceedings in Parliament touching the subsidies. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 116.]

April 20. Kentford. 17. John Fison, gamekeeper at Newmarket, to Sec. Conway. Has been hindered a month in empaling the ground, because Lord Petre's man forbids the workmen to proceed till he has spoken with Conway. The ground they make so much to do about is only worth 40*s.* a year. Asks the King's warrant to proceed with the work.

April 20. Warrant to pay to Sir John Bath 300*l.*, as the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

April 20. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, and to Sir Allan Apsley and Sir Samp. Darell, surveyors of victuals, 28,975*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*, for the expenses of the Navy for the year 1624, in such proportions as shall be required by the Commissioners of the Navy. [*Docquet.*]

April 20. Warrant for allowances to Thos. Lumsden, master of the game in Galtres Forest, for repairing the laund house there. [*Docquet.*]

April 20. Warrant to Thos. Lumsden, to preserve the game in Galtres Forest. [*Docquet.*]

April 20. Warrant to Visct. Dunbar, Deputy Justice in Eyre of Galtres Forest, to publish the King's pleasure that no officers there permit any trees to be cut down, except for the necessary repairs of their tenements. [*Docquet.*]

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April 21. Theobalds. 18. The King to Visct. Grandison, Lords Carew, Brooke, Chichester, and others. Appoints them to act as a council of war for assisting the King's allies, securing Ireland, and putting the navy in readiness. [*The rare and curious print of the council of war sitting in council is in the library of the Society of Antiquaries. R.L.*]

April 21. 19. Draft of the above.

April 21. Theobalds. 20. Copy of the above, with an abstract of points to be considered in offensive and defensive warfare.

April. 21. Another draft of the above, mentioning the recovery of the Palatinate as one of the points to be undertaken. Dated April 18.

Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, May* 1.]

April 21. Whitehall. 22. Order in Council, that the general pardon to be granted by his Majesty shall resemble that granted in the seventh year of his reign, with certain additions prefixed.

April 21. Theobalds. 23. Petition of Thos. Steadman to the King, for protection for five years from Ralph Ward, clerk, who by perjury and forgery has deprived him and his children of a large estate, and, the case being referred to worthy persons in the county to examine, threatens to drive him out of it by perpetual suits, so that he dares not return to his dwelling. With order thereon, granting the petition.

April 21. 24. Deposition of Wm. Noke, of St. Dunstan's in the West, that Edw. Emerson, administrator of Thos. Emerson, has paid sums amounting to 3,241*l.* to creditors of Thos. Emerson, the remainder of whose estate, to the value of more than 2,000*l.*, is in debts owing by poor people, most of which are desperate.

April 21. 25. Deposition of Edw. Emerson to the same effect; also that Thos. Emerson was indebted to him in 800*l.*, and he knows not how to obtain it.

April 22. Aldermanbury. 26. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Has delivered 2,000*l.* to Mr. More for his Lordship. Wishes to be his tenant and housekeeper at Odiham, but not to pay any rent, only keeping the house and garden in good repair.

April 22. 27. Rich. Welby to the Same. Sir Wm. Welby, being in necessity, cannot match his son without receiving ready money. The King has taken leave of the Lord Treasurer, and desired him to come no more.

April 22. Philpott Lane. 28. Sir Thos. Smythe to Sec. Conway. Intreats him to attend the grand committee of grievances to-morrow, in order to help to stop the clamorous tongue of Mr. Bargrave, who has petitioned against himself and others.

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April 22. [Whitehall.] 29. [Sec. Conway] to the Master of the Rolls. Lord Carlisle requests him, "according to his great wisdom and reading," to inform him how far a marriage contract, with words "de presenti," may be strengthened by a reiteration of the same or other forms; as, for example, when a contract is made in Catholic countries and has to be consummated in England, what is necessary to legitimate the posterity.

April 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 116.]

April 22? 30. The King to Sec. Conway. The Prince will tell him how he finds the Lower House inclined. Wishes to know whether they will proceed with the subsidies according to promise, and trust to him to answer their petition, or make his answer a condition of the subsidies. Wishes the packet to be delivered, if their promise can be relied on, but otherwise would not be tied whilst they remain free. The Prince knows not of these private directions; if the passing of the subsidy does not depend on the answer to the petition, the post is to go post haste; but if they will not move without having their will, there is no reason why they should break their promise, and the King be bound. [*Holograph.*]

April 22? 31. Copy of the above.

April 23. 32, 33. Petition of both Houses of Parliament to the King that,—the treaties being dissolved, to their great comfort,—he will, for the safety of the realm, order strict observance of the laws against Jesuits and seminary priests, and against recusants generally, who should be disarmed according to statute, fixing a day by proclamation for their departure, that they may not complain of being surprised, and will also pledge his royal word not to slacken these laws on occasion of any future marriage treaty, or of request from a foreign prince. Two copies.

April 23. 34. Reply of the King to the two Houses of Parliament, at Whitehall. Is sorry that he is thought to have needed a spur in the cause of religion; his heart has bled at the increase of Popery, and he has desired to hinder it, but not by persecution, believing that to be useless; grants their desire for a proclamation to banish priests and Jesuits; will command the Judges to execute all the laws against recusants, which were suspended, not dispensed with, by the treaties, including those for disarming them; will advise with Council about Ambassadors' masses, whether the Lord Mayor and Recorder may not seize subjects flocking thither as they come out; will, moreover, add to their suggestions a special care to prevent education of children in Popery, and will yield to no interference of foreign princes.

April 23. 35–37. Three copies of the King's reply, with verbal differences.

April 23. 38. Account of sums paid by assignment to the Wardrobe, from Michaelmas, 1618, to March, 1622, when Lord Treas. Middlesex was Master of the Wardrobe, and during the year 1622, when Visct. Fielding was Master. Also of sums paid to Middlesex for defraying Queen Anne's funeral.

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April 23. 39. Estimate of the expenses of the Navy for the year 1624; total 29,703*l.* 4*s.*, and statement of the revenues on which they are assigned. With note from the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer to Sir Robt. Pye, to take special care that these funds be not otherwise appropriated.

April 24. Whitehall. 40. Warrant to Att. Gen. Coventry to prepare a pardon for Sir Hen. Fiennes and Nich. Roper, for all offences for which they have been sentenced in the Star Chamber or ecclesiastical courts, and all fines thereon, except those in the Star Chamber; also a pardon to Sir Hen. Fiennes of outlawries, alienation of lands, &c.

April 24? 41. Memorandum [of a proposed order in Council] that an account should be required in the letters for musters, of the number of unserviceable arms in each county, in order that a proper supply of new ones may be made, and that the old ones should be kept in public magazines for the service of the county. [*See Council Register, April* 24.]

April 24. [Whitehall.] 42. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes a pardon to be drawn for John Roberts, mariner, as his offence is small, and the Prince has interceded for him, on account of a special service received from him in Spain. The deer having suffered much this hard winter, his Majesty is anxious for the preservation of those that remain, and wishes no warrants to be served for them without his signature; suggests a proclamation to be prepared to that effect.

April 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 24. Whitehall. 43. The Same to the Earl of Bristol. The King commands him not to come to court, but to remain at his own house until his Majesty's pleasure is further known.

April 24. 44. Draft of the above.

April. Minute of the above, dated April 26. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 24. Doctors' Commons. 45. Sir Geo. Newman to Lord Zouch. His Lordship cannot help John Browne,—a Rye fisherman who was wounded by a Rochester man, for cutting the nets with which he was trawling,—the offender being not in the Cinque Ports, the case must go before the admiralty court at London. The ordnance wrecked cannot be delivered lawfully to the ship-master who claims it, unless he can prove himself the owner, his Lordship being bound to keep wrecked goods for the owners. Begs a pass for his eldest son who is going to travel in France.

[April 24.] 46. Heads of the general pardon to be granted by the King this Parliament, with the exceptions thereto. [*See Jour. Com., vol.* I., *p.* 774.]

April 24. London. 47. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Sends a letter from Conway in his own hand, which, though troublesome to read, the Queen of Bohemia, who is skilful in finding out such mysteries, will think it worth while to decipher, for the sake of the news it contains.

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It is said that Sec. Calvert is on ill terms with the King and Prince, and is called to account, among other things, for detaining letters to Carleton a year ago, at request of the French Ambassador.

April [24]. London. 48. D. Carleton to the Queen [of Bohemia]. Tidings of the heroic resolutions now making. Sends the petition of the House to the King against Papists and recusants, more full than it was actually read by the Archbp. of Canterbury, being an early draft, afterwards curtailed; also the King's reply, though no copy of it can convey the gracious manner in which it was pronounced. It was received with acclamation, and gives great delight. His Majesty has already sent to the Mayor and Recorder of London, to prevent the concourse of Papists to the Ambassadors' houses. The Subsidy bills are advancing; the clergy hold back at present, but will come forward when the proclamations against Jesuits are published. Count Mansfeldt is well received, lodged by the Prince at St. James's, in the very chamber intended for the Infanta, and taken abroad by him in his own coach; he and the States' Ambassadors have good contentment in their business. The Spanish Ambassadors are preparing to return. The Lord Treasurer has five days' respite, on account of St. George's Feast, at which the young Duke of Lenox is to be made Knight of the Garter. *Annexes,*

48. I. *Reply of the King to the petition of the two Houses, against papists and recusants.* [*See April* 23.]

April 24. [Whitehall.] 49. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Thos. Smythe and Sir Edw. Barkham. Requests their mediation with the creditors of Edm. Traves, that the composition made by them may not fall through, because he is unable to procure a sum of money due to him from the East India Company, this failure not being through any fault of his own.

April 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 25. Whitehall. The Same to the Governor of the East India Company. On behalf of Edm. Traves, touching a stock of money which he desires to take out of that company. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

April 25. Sunday. London. 50. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. The Subsidy Bill is revived, but it was feared these subsidies might go the same way as the two given last Parliament, if the Subsidy Bill came on winged feet, and bills of grace on leaden ores. It was objected that the petition against priests and recusants stood still, and that the declaration of the dissolution of treaties was only by word of mouth, and should be made and inserted in the body of the bill. Sec. Calvert,—after a grave preamble, arguing that the making or dissolving of foreign treaties belongs to the royal prerogative alone,—inconsistently proposed that the declaration should be at the beginning of the body of the bill, which was agreed to. Sec. Conway calmed ill humours by stating how far the King was proceeding in treating with the States, Denmark, the German Princes, &c. At a conference of

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the Houses, Buckingham said that His Majesty, having often delayed to assign a day for presenting the petition, had fixed one, on hearing that the House was proceeding with the Subsidy Bill, but that he feared there was something in it against his honour. The Duke replied that there was nothing more than the mention of His Majesty's declaration, with which the King said he could not be offended, as he would be true to his word. The Commons were gratified at this report, and gave the Subsidy Bill a second reading. When the audience came, the Commons were disappointed that only a committee of them were admitted, but reconciled by His Majesty's admirable and satisfactory speech, which was twice read with great joy, and which included his intention to enlarge the usual form of Parliamentary pardons by certain additions, and to fix the 6th of October, the date of the Prince's return from Spain, as the day for its issue. Sir John Eliot, in a "wondrous fine speech," proposed thanks to the King and Prince, but that was disliked, and the House proceeded on the Subsidy Bill, the appointment of treasurers for the moneys, discussion whether the Council of War should be named in the Subsidy Act, &c. The House has also passed an Act for abatement of usury, and to make transportation of wool and fullers' earth felony. The Lords have been busy with the charges against the Lord Treasurer, who is suspended from office till he clears himself. It has been reported that his title, conferred for services in the Wardrobe, where he is now proved guilty of many abuses, will be taken away, but rewards for services acknowledged under the Great Seal cannot be questioned. His life is in more danger, if there be sufficient matter against him. He has injured himself by stealing off to Theobalds, with witnesses, to clear himself to the King. The Prince had notice of it and followed him thither, and Mr. Jacob, one of his witnesses, confessed the truth of all he sought to disguise. He used such fearful imprecations to justify himself, that God must punish him if men do not. Though the wits of the town say "the Lord Treasurer cannot go without his keeper," the only matter brought against the Lord Keeper, in the committee of the court of justice, is his grant of an advowson belonging to Lady Darcy, which he excuses by the right of his place and precedents of former Lord Chancellors, and from ignorance, the Court of Wards having but lately put advowsons in their leases; the approaching end of the session will probably prevent the debating of this or any other complaints against him, for there never lack many against the Keeper of the Great Seal. Lord Digby could have reconciled himself to the Prince and Duke, soon after their arrival in England, if he would have joined against Spain. The Earl of Carlisle, Sir Isaac Wake, and Sir Robt. Austruther still linger, to see if all goes on well between the King and his people. Count Mansfeldt has been most honourably received, the better to satisfy the Houses of the King's sincerity, and had a jewel of 2,500*l.* on taking leave. The honour done to him and the proceedings in Parliament have put the Spanish Ambassador to his wits' end; in a private audience with the King, he directly accused the Prince and Buckingham of a design to

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remove His Majesty from the Government, by means of this Parliament, unless he had given way to the present proceedings against Catholics. The Lord Treasurer is suspected of a hand in this plot.

April 25 ? 51. Note [by Sec. Conway, of the Spanish Ambassador's statement] that the Duke of Buckingham wished the King to break off both treaties and consulted with some of the Lords that if he would not so do, he had better be left to his sports, the Prince being of sufficient years to take his place.

April 25 ? Whitehall. 52. [Sec. Conway] to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Requests a place in Sutton's Hospital for a poor orphan, Robt. Doliver, whose extraordinary aptness in learning will otherwise be lost, on account of the poverty of his friends.

April 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 26. [Windsor] 53. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King wishes him to tell the Lord Treasurer that he longs to know what answer he will make to the charges laid against him in Parliament.

April 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 26. London. 54. Sir Isaac Wake to Sec. Conway. Sends letters from Count Mansfeldt and his secretary, received since his departure yesterday.

April 26. 55. Earl of Carlisle to the Same. Begs his favour in the presentation of a letter from Count Mansfeldt to the King, requesting the life of Carlisle's footman, who recovered after being executed. Will feel himself disgraced, on the eve of his embassy, if the Lord Chief Justice, who prosecutes the matter more fiercely from animosity against himself, be allowed to drag the man out of his house to a second execution. Queen Elizabeth sent her own physician to preserve alive a man who revived after execution.

April 26. Westminster College. 56. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Buckingham. Is confined to bed with a violent fever, and requests a commission for the Lord President or the Chief Justice to execute the place of Speaker in the House of Lords. Is weary of this unthankful world, and would not be sorry if the worst came to pass, but from the desire to serve "so good a master, so sweet a prince, and so faithful a friend and patron."

April 27. [Windsor.] 57. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. [Buckingham] regrets his illness; and would gladly remedy any cause he may have of discontent, if he will inform him thereof. The Attorney General is to prepare a warrant for the Lord President to supply the place of Speaker in the Upper House, during his absence.

[April 27.] 58. Draft of the above.

April 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

April 27. [Windsor.] 59. [The Same] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. He is to summon before Council the Newfoundland merchants, to answer certain complaints of the French Ambassador, and report what reply will be fitting for the King to make thereto.

April 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

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April 27. Windsor. 60. Sec. Conway to Dr. Ryves. His answer to certain questions [about a contract of marriage] will clear the business. Returns his paper that he may expedite them.

April 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 27. [Windsor.] 61. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. Wishes his assurance that the warrant for the pardon for John Williams, granted at suit of Geo. Digby, which contains a "non obstante" to a statute, is drawn up in the usual form; if that be the case, will do his best to further it.

April 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 27. [Windsor.] 62. [The Same] to the Clerk of the Signet. There was a mistake in the direction for a warrant for Col. Hinderson; it is to be, not 200*l.* as a free gift, but a pension of 200*l.* a year.

April 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 117.]

April 27. Canterbury. 63. Count Mansfeldt to Sec. Conway. Thanks for the King's signature. Will do all he can in France to promote His Majesty's service, and will inform Conway of what passes. French.

April 27. Whitehall. 64. Sec. Calvert to [the Same]. Sends for signature a warrant by order of Council, for munition for Ireland.

April 27. 65. Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. The Lord Treasurer will have finished the answer to his charge in a day or two, but the examination of witnesses and the taking of proofs will occupy a week longer. He will write to the King thereupon.

April 28. London. 66. Geo. Digby to the Same. Sends a warrant for drawing a pardon. The King has lately granted one, with a non obstante, which may serve as a precedent, if required.

April 28. 67. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. The reason why the "non obstante" is desired in the warrant sent by Mr. Digby is, that the party has been twice indicted, first for murder, and then for manslaughter, and his friends fear that without the "non obstante" clause, he might be called in question for murder. The King has sometimes allowed such a clause, when convinced that the case is one fit for grace, lest, by eager straining, the matter may afterwards be made to seem fouler than it appears. *Incloses,*

67. I. *Warrant to Att. Gen. Coventry, at request of Geo. Digby, to draw up a pardon for John Williams, of Herringstone, Dorsetshire, for the death of John Keate, notwithstanding any Statute to the contrary. April,* 1624.

April. 68. Copy of the above warrant.

April 28. [Windsor.] 69. [Sec. Conway] to the Clerk of the Signet. Corrections to be made in Sir Isaac Wake's warrant [for plate]. Sends that for Lord Carlisle's entertainment, to be sealed.

April 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

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April 28.]Windsor.] 70. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a grant to Arnold Rotispen of the sole making of a gun, invented by him, and approved by the Prince, and of any other great or small guns which he may invent, on approval of the Master of the Ordnance.

April 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

April 28. Windsor. 71. The King to the Speaker of the House of Commons Desires that the Commons will not trouble themselves with the petition of the Virginia Company, as it would renew the factions of that company, which are in settlement by his Majesty and the Council, and might disturb the peaceable proceeding of Parliament, all occasion of doing which he earnestly desires to remove. Hopes they will take this in good part, as they have done all things else this Session.

April 29. [Windsor.] 72. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert. The King is now hunting. The French King has concluded to assist the Hollanders with money and troops, on condition of their not making peace with Spain without his consent. He disavows the actions of his Ambassador at Rome about the Valtoline.

April 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

April 29. London. Sir Isaac Wake to Sec. Conway. The King's letter, which was received with universal applause [in the House of Commons] has quieted the great schism caused by the Virginians. "The decryed great Lord" has a week's respite granted, but it is thought that the deferring of his sentence will not turn to his account. The Lord just returned from Spain is going directly for Court. [*Savoy Corresp., April* 29.]

April 29. 73. Abel Barnard to Carleton. Acknowledges the receipt of 765*l.*, procured for him by Carleton. Sends him the learned doctor's learned book.

April 30. London. 74. Chamberlain to [the Same]. On the 19th the Duke of Richmond was buried. There were 1,000 mourners, six or eight horses velvet-draped, his effigy in a coach drawn by six horses, and his hearse, at Westminster, equal in all points to Queen Anne's. Several noblemen refused the offices to which they were appointed, as unfitting to him or themselves. Never heard of a titular Prince or subject so magnificently interred. The Lord Keeper preached and much commended his mildness and many virtues. His brother, the Duke of Lenox, succeeds him as Knight of the Garter. The Earl of Clanricarde is created Viscount Tunbridge, and sits in Parliament as an English baron. Death of the only son and heir of Lord Darcy of the North, a hopeful young gentleman, and member of Parliament. A letter sent by the King to the Commons, to rid them of a troublesome business about Virginia and the Summer Islands, well nigh bred faction, both sides being very eager in the case, which his Majesty has taken into his own hands. The Lord Treasurer leaves no stone unturned to vindicate himself;

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he has had many private conferences with the King, but the Prince has sent him word to come into the presence no more till he has cleared himself. He is very boastful of his innocence, though many of his bosom friends have turned his accusers; he importunes the Upper House with petitions for leave to examine witnesses, &c., to gain time. At home he is much dejected. Count Mansfeldt was handsomely entertained at the Prince's expense, had rich presents, and, after going to see the ships at Chatham, sailed for Boulogne. The proclamation against Priests and Jesuits sticks, though they swarm in every corner: 2,400 are known to be in London. The Earl of Bristol has returned, it is said, with the jewels, and great offers of satisfaction. Bold stroke of the Spanish Ambassadors in accusing the Prince and Buckingham. They ask satisfaction, and precedents are sought, but we shall not dare to offend the Spaniard.

April 30. Dover. 75. Wm. Chesterman to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Bristol will not come into England till he hears from Simon Digby. Lord Robt. Digby, the Irish Baron, Sir Kenelm Digby, and others of his friends who are at Dover, wish to go over to Calais, if Lord Zouch will give them a pass.

April 30. Dover Castle. 76. Lord Zouch to [the Same]. Has stayed a ship freighted for Spain, in which are 15,000 lbs. of gunpowder. Asks if the King will have it kept and bought in, not wishing the enemy to be provided with what will hurt us. Asks for a warrant for stay of recusants, having been ordered to let them pass.

April 30. Rye. 77. Mayor and Jurats of Rye to Lord Zouch. The Rye fishermen saw six English trawlers fishing within two leagues of the town, who shot off twenty muskets to affright them. If they are permitted to trawl, the Rye fishermen being restrained, the town will be impoverished, and the fishing trade overthrown.

April 30. 78. "Answers to certain interrogatories delivered at Windsor," on the grounds of breaking off the Spanish match, the motives of calling the Parliament, the method to be observed in the trial of a certain great person, &c. Imperfect.

April? 79. List of [names to be pricked for Sheriffs for 22 James I.] in alphabetical order of counties.

April. 80. Sir Geo. Hastings to Nicholas. Sent a messenger [with the subpœna], who left it with Mr. Aylmer's wife.

April? 81. Reasons why the Bill suggested by the miners against payment of the customary tithe of lead ore in Derbyshire should not pass the House of Commons; showing that the tithe has been paid from time immemorial in the High Peak, and is only refused lately, through the particular interest of powerful miners; and that decrees in its favour have been given in Council, and in the Common Pleas, Chancery, and Exchequer courts. Printed.

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April ? 82. Reasons addressed [by the Officers of Customs of the Port of London] to the committee of Parliament appointed for the complaint against officers' fees, to show the necessity of their service for the public, and of the continuance of the fees for coquets which they now receive from merchants; viz., that they are intrusted to restrain the export of certain native commodities, and punished for neglect if they are exported; that the levying fees for maintenance is customary in all incorporate bodies, or otherwise, and has long been allowed to their predecessors; that they are disabled by their office from many other employments, and, if the fees cease, must give up their office, or live by favour of merchants only.

April ? 83. Supplication of the Drapers and others to the Committee appointed to consider their petition against the Alnagers, that they be not censured as wishing to interfere with the King's rights, their complaint being not against His Majesty's subsidy of alnage, but against abuse in the collecting of it. *Annexing,*

83. I. *Arguments to prove that the drapers desire no prejudice to the revenue, and that the granting of their requests—which are, to free from alnage subsidy certain tradesmen not legally subject to it, and to restrict the fees to the legal rates—will not interfere with the King's revenue, nor prejudice the just rights of the late Duke of Richmond, to whom the alnage subsidy was granted.*

April ? 84. Memoranda [by Conway], that Wm. Jannye, agent for the King of Spain in Scotland, told And. Adey that the King would have war with Spain; to which Adey replied he had reason, when his grandchildren were put out of their country; that the Parliament was a nest of fools; that he sent Buckingham, a young fool, to Spain, &c.

April ? 85. List of the several suits prosecuted since 33 Eliz. by the bailiffs of Stow-on-the-Wold against the lords of the manor of Stowe, touching their franchises and liberties; being the same question for which a petition is now preferred in Parliament against Edm. Chamberlain, present owner of the manor.

April ? 86. Petition of John Rhodes to the Council, that for the hearing of his petition referred to them by the King, they would summon Sir John Rhodes and his son Francis to answer his objections against them; with order thereon.

April ? 87. Petition of John, eldest son of Sir John Rhodes, to Lord Pres. Mandeville. On the certificate made by Baron Denham of the allowance which his father should give him, went down to Yorkshire in hopes of his father's conformity, but was utterly rejected. Begs that some other mode may be taken for his relief, being in extreme suffering, and in danger of arrest for debt, from having no allowance for eleven years.

April. 88. Verses on matters now in agitation:—the sitting of Parliamen, breach of the match with Spain, accusations of the Lord Treasurer, Coke's reports thereon, slander of the Spanish Ambassadors against Buckingham, accusations against the Lord Keeper, Lord Chief Baron Tanfield and Lord Chief Justice James [Ley].

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May 1. Dover. 1. Wm. Chesterman to [Sec. Conway]. Lord Zouch refuses a pass to Sir Kenelm Digby and Simon Digby to join the Earl of Bristol at Calais, unless they can obtain a licence from one of the King's secretaries. Their earnestness in pressing for a passage, and their attempts to bribe the searcher to wink at their going over without licence, make his Lordship the more suspicious. Is supposed to have orders to arrest the Earl on his landing. He lingers at Calais, though he has a fair wind, pretending to wait for Sir Rich. Bingley. The latter is still at Boulogne with Count Mansfeldt, who professes much gratification at his treatment in England.

May 2. 2. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Bourchier will acquaint him with the success of his letter to the Lord Mayor, relative to the soap business. A letter from the King would prevent the City Committees from yielding to the importunity of the soap boilers, and if so, hopes soon to settle the business profitably for his Majesty.

May 3. 3. The Same to Sackville Crowe. Begs to be immediately informed when the King wishes this Session of Parliament to end, and also of the number and names of the Council for War, both points being needed for the Subsidy Bill, which is to be passed this week into a law.

May 3. [Theobalds.] 4. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Edw. Coke. Begs him to favour Lady Dale by hastening the report on her case, which was referred to a Committee of the House. Her late husband was a man of great courage and reputation, and, in his last voyage, lost his life, and a quantity of goods which his lady now claims.

May 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

May 3. Theobalds. 5. The Same to Sol. Gen. Heath. The Council of War are to have power to give warrants for the issuing of money. This meeting [of Parliament] is to be made a Session, and the King will be at the House to conclude it, the Saturday in Whitsun week.

May 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 118.]

May 3. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To assemble the Council to deliberate and give their opinions on certain addresses from Ireland sent therewith. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

May 3. London. 6. Peter Wentworth to Carleton. Acknowledges favours, and regrets his inability to requite them.

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May 3. London. 7. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Proceedings relative to the proposal that Carleton should purchase the office of Sec. Calvert, who wishes to retire on account of ill health, if he could do so without losing reputation and could part with his office advantageously. He would let Carleton have it for 6,000*l.*, though when he was made Secretary, Lord Hollis offered 8,000*l.*, and Sir John Suckling 7,000*l.* It is but three years' purchase, the place being worth 2,000*l* a year. Sir Geo. Goring undertakes to consult Buckingham upon it, and the Queen of Bohemia should write both to him and the Prince. Sir Fras. Nethersole is grateful for Carleton's wish to have him as his successor [in Holland].

May 3? 8. [Pedro Maestro, the Spanish Agent, to the King]. Sets down in writing, by his Majesty's command, the points against Buckingham. Cannot prove judicially what he said against him some days past, because none dare oppose so powerful a man, and because he is always present at audiences, a thing only fitting when the King is young and inexperienced, and the favourite wise and dispassionate, just the opposite of the present case, where the King is most prudent and experienced, and the favourite young, precipitate, passionate, and an enemy to Spain. By being constantly present, he shows his own distrust. He has brought about enmity between two most powerful kings, and transferred the consideration of the Palatinate from Council to Parliament, which he has procured to meet, in order that his plots might find countenance among the Puritans; so that it may be truly said that in England, Parliament is more powerful than the King. There he seeks popularity, and has propounded many things without his Majesty's knowledge or consent. It is grievous to see the Prince governed by him. He will break all other matches as he has broken that with Spain, for he revoked the Commissions the very day that he received a letter from the Princess Palatine, giving hopes of matching his daughter with her son. Laments the influence of such a man who, throwing the blame of all that is disliked upon the King, asserts the title of redeemer of his country. Puritans desire not the Prince as successor, but the Prince Palatine, for whose sake really Mansfeldt came over. Laments that the Prince should be led from the pacific course which has made his father so much admired. Assures his Majesty that Buckingham desires to be placed above King or Prince, and whilst many dare speak against him, none dare do it against the Duke. Advises him to ask those who were in Spain, who first gave occasion of enmity; whether the Duke did not behave disrespectfully to the Prince, sitting whilst he stood, coming into his room half dressed, calling him ridiculous names, &c.; whether he did not break word with Count Olivarez, communicate his disgusts to other foreign Ambassadors, &c., and, on returning, publish in Parliament treaties so secret that no man in Spain knew of them but the King and Olivarez. Desires not the Duke's harm, but the King's security. [*Translation from the Spanish.*]

May 3? 9. Another translation of the same letter.

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May [3?] 10. Locke to Carleton. Will let Carleton's house in Westminster to Lord and Lady Haughton, for 60*l.*, if they will give it, but they are very near. Rents are much lowered in Westminster by the proclamations for residence in the country, but will rise if Parliaments become as frequent as the King promises. Precedents are sought for to proceed against a foreign ambassador who troubles the state, for Inijosa, finding the King and Parliament concur so well, tried to produce a discord which might lead to a dissolution, and told his Majesty that there was a design to confine him to Theobalds, and give the crown to the Prince. The King was somewhat moved at it, and told the Prince and Duke. They are intent to find out who put this into the Spanish Ambassador's mind, thinking some Englishman had a hand in it. The Lord Treasurer is suspected, and his defence postponed. The vintners are ordered to furnish 3,000 casks for the navy. No priests are allowed to leave the kingdom without taking the oath of allegiance. Troops are to be sent to Ireland, but all is quiet there as yet.

May [3?] Allingbourn. 11. Geo. Carleton, Bp. of Chichester, to the Same. Always expected a war with Spain, unless one party converted the other. The contest will become most important, and will be a war of Papists against Protestants; as the fall of Rome is prophesied in Scripture, and not that of England, hopes that England will prevail. Has written to request the Archbp. of Canterbury, if war be concluded on, to have a public fast and prayers in all the churches; also to inform him, that in many places, the doctrine of general grace is published as confidently as if it were a doctrine of the Church of England, and to request that the articles of the Dort Synod or the Lambeth Articles may be approved in convocation. Wonders at the opposition in England to the classical assembly of English and Scottish ministers in Holland, it being conformable to the church government of that country. The Spanish Ambassador has much troubled the country by advising the King to dissolve the Parliament quickly, as they intend to depose him and set up the Prince.

May 3. London. 12. D. Carleton to the Same. Parliament affairs continue on a good footing. The proclamation against Jesuits, &c. is to be published. The Lord Treasurer produced 40 witnesses, but 12 of them deposed directly against him; the House is anxious to see him disposed of before they break up. Pedro Maestro has produced a memorial full of frivolous allegations against Buckingham's conduct in Spain, and Inijosa said that the proclamations now going forth against Papists were contrary to the King's oath, and an effect of his treasons; he also declared that Buckingham intended to transfer the crown to the Prince, and to entertain his Majesty with hunting at Theobalds till matters were ripe, and added that some of the Council could give evidence therein. This was in the morning, but the King did not mention it till after dinner when, in St. James's Park, on the way to Windsor, with weeping eyes he told the Prince and Buckingham. They were much surprised, and the Duke asked the King to consider that he never could do such a thing with knowledge of the Prince,

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whose filial piety would rise against it; and without his knowledge it were sottish, the affection of the people to his Majesty being such that they would tear in pieces any who attempted it. The King answered that had he believed it, he should never have mentioned it to them. Buckingham insists on having the matter examined into; Parliament longs to get hold of it. Sir Robt. Cotton produces precedents of sending such Ambassadors out of the realm, demanding justice against them from their master, &c. An oath was taken of the Council to discover all they knew of this treason, but none could tell the least thing about it, and all desired vindication of the honour of the Prince. The Lord Treasurer is suspected to be at the bottom of it. The King has promised the Prince that he will not let the Spanish Ambassadors leave at present. The Earl of Bristol has been at Calais many days; a messenger waits him at Dover with commands from His Majesty, probably for his confinement.

May 3. Canterbury. 13. Earl of Bristol to the King. Has received a command from Sec. Conway to abstain from the presence. Pleads his Majesty's promise not to condemn him without admitting him to his presence, as there are many particulars on which he needs his directions.

May 3. Waltham. 14. Dr. Jos. Hall to Lady Huncks. The Bishop [of Worcester] should be engaged to dispose of Bromsgrove and Stoke, if they fall into his hands, for the benefit of Mrs. Archbold. Dares not follow Sec. Conway's advice to dispose of them himself for her benefit, for fear of scandal.

May 4. [Theobalds.] 15. [Sec. Conway] to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a grant to Fras. Trumble of the place of yeoman pricker of the harriers in the room of —— Bernard deceased.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 4. Theobalds. 16. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes a bill to be prepared for Mr. Oldsworth, the Lord Chamberlain's secretary, although the warrant for it is not signed by the Lord Treasurer, on account of his present troubles.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 4. [Theobalds.] 17. [The Same] to the Same. A ship is stayed at Dover, laden with gunpowder bought by English merchants for export, on a question whether such merchandise is lawful. Requests him to resolve the query if it belongs to common law, and if to civil law, to get a reply from the King's advocate, or some other civilians.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 4. Wells. 18. Art. Lake, Bp. of Bath and Wells, to Lord Zouch. Recommends Mr. Woodyats, his chaplain, a learned and religious man, to a living, part of the advowson of which belongs to his Lordship.

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May 4. [Theobalds.] 19. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chief Justice Ley. The King wishes to know the propriety of granting to John Williams pardon for manslaughter of John Keate, though the pardon must pass with a non obstante. His Majesty favours the case, at the suit of Geo. Digby.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 4. Theobalds. The Same to Sol. Gen. Heath. To further Sir John Bourchier in settling the soap business, according to a note given by Sir John for that purpose. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

May ? 20. Account of trials made before Sir Edw. Barkham and other aldermen and commoners of London, April 7 and 13, between the new soap and London soap, when it was proved that the former was better and more economical.

May 4. [Theobalds.] 21. [Sec. Conway] to the Lord Mayor of London. Has received his certificate on the soap business, but, on comparing it with that of those interested in the new works, finds some points which still need clearing up; gives queries relative to the nature and use of the new soap; the laundresses who made trial of it are to be examined in presence of the Eastland merchants, who are the parties most interested.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 4. [Theobalds.] 22. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King has read the proclamation [against Jesuits, priests, &c.], and wishes those passages to be omitted which he has underlined.

May 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 5. Inner Temple. 23. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Returns the proclamation against Jesuits, altered according to the King's pleasure. Does not find any express Act of Parliament against the export of gunpowder, yet as no entries are permitted to be made of it, except for furnishing ships, it is the same as though prohibited, because it is without custom, and so forfeit for non-payment of custom.

May 5. London. 24. Sec. Conway to Lord Zouch. Has informed the King, Prince, and Duke, of his care in staying the ship laden with gunpowder. Inquiries have been made, and the export of gunpowder appears to be unlawful, therefore the restraint is to continue till orders are taken thereon. His Lordship shall receive authentic directions how to conduct himself towards priests and Jesuits.

May 5. 25. Minute of the above.

May 5. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 5. 26. Petition of Joan, widow of Sam. Thomas, on behalf of herself and all the widow jointuresses of the kingdom, to the Commons, for a full and fair hearing of her cause against the Lord Keeper, who

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has illegally decided that the lands left her in jointure are liable for the debts of her son, Sir Ant. Thomas, has sequestered her rents, stayed her suits against the tenants for not paying rent to her, and had her goods violently seized. Printed.

May 5. 27. The King's speech to the Lords in the Banquetting House, Whitehall. Gives them advice on the judgment which they are to exercise on a great officer [Lord Treas. Middlesex]. Such a trial had no precedent till last Parliament, and then the guilty party [Lord Chancellor Bacon] confessed; now he denies. First, they are to search into the greatness of the guilt. The man was brought to Court by the late Earl of Northampton, and Buckingham, who is most studious of the King's profit, backed him because of his many schemes to increase it. He was an instrument under Buckingham to reform the household, navy, and exchequer. He will have enemies, because all Treasurers must have, who free the King from importunity of suitors, therefore he must not be judged thereby. Second, they are to proportion the punishment, making it rather less than greater than the guilt; they are to look with jealousy on complaints made, not by persons wronged, but by busy informers. If he be guilty of bribery, extortion, or misdemeanour, his crime is double, after the example of last session, but errors by mistake should not be rigorously censured, nor should he be blamed for anything done with His Majesty's own knowledge, but, if he have helped himself to the injury of his estate, will not beg for him. [*Printed in Lords' Journals, vol.* III., *p.* 343.]

May 5. 28–32. Five copies of the above, with verbal differences.

May 5. Whitehall. 33. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Bristol. Is unable to answer his letter now, because of going to Greenwich with the King, but will inform him of his Majesty's pleasure on the point named to-morrow.

May 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 119.]

May 6. [Greenwich.] 34. [The Same] to the Same. The King does not object to his receiving the proposed visit of the Spanish Ambassadors and Padre Maestro. Advises him, as the Prince and Duke complain so much of wrong sustained by the insinuations of these parties, to be cautious in the interview.

[May 6.] 35. Draft of the above.

May 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 6. Greenwich. 36. [The Same] to Lord Chief Justice Hobart. Requests despatch for Mr. Smith, in a suit renewed against him by a citizen of London about an administration, Smith being at great expenses in coming to town and bringing his witnesses.

May 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

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May 6. Greenwich. 37. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King will only assign the decision of a certain cause [recommended by the Earl of Carlisle] to the Aldermen named by the petitioner, in case they are not objected to by the defendants.

May 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 6. Greenwich. 38. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes to know how far the grant of a Baronetship to Sir Thos. Dallison might be prejudicial to the orders of the institution. His father, Sir Roger, was among the more ancient Baronets, and paid the 1,100*l.*, but neglected the passing of his grant; the son's estate is now less than required by the first institution; the King would be glad to satisfy him, if he could in justice.

May. Minute of the above, dated May 7. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 6. Greenwich. 39. [The Same] to the Bp. of Ely. He need not hesitate to bestow a lectureship in Cambridge on Dr. Preston, fearing the King's disapproval, as his Majesty has a good opinion of the Doctor.

May 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 6? 40. Petition of Paul Micklethwait to Sec. Conway. The King having authorized the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge to approve all lecturers there, obtained his approbation, and was recommended by the Mayor to the public Lectureship of the town of Cambridge. The Bp. of Ely intends to give it to Dr. Preston, without the approbation either of the Mayor or Vice Chancellor, and contrary to the privileges of the University. Begs redress. *Annexes,*

40. 1. *Paul Micklethwait's reasons for his plea for the public lectureship of the town of Cambridge; viz., that he was commended by the Mayor, accepted by the Vice Chancellor, not opposed at the time by the Bp. of Ely, and that the question involves not only himself, but the privileges granted by the King to the University.*

May 6? 41. Dr. John Preston to the Same. Has deferred troubling him so long that the business is in danger. Would be greatly injured should he miss it. If the lectureship for Cambridge must be settled by reference, the Dean of Winchester would be the best man. *Annexes,*

41. 1. *Statement of Dr. Preston's right to the Lectureship in Cambridge; viz., his election by the Bp. of Ely, to whom the right belongs, and therefore he did not appeal to the town, though Micklethwait had only* 18 *voices out of* 100. *The Vice Chancellor's right to approve lecturers applies only to lectureships lately founded.*

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May 6. Gray's Inn. 42. Sir Hen. Yelverton to Lord Zouch. Advises him, as Sir Thos. Wilsford is not within his power as Lord Warden, to cause the Mayor [of Dover] to send a petition to his lordship on the insults committed against him by Sir Thomas, and then he should forward that petition with a letter to Council, when they will probably commit Sir Thomas for trial in the Star Chamber.

May 6. Aldermanbury. 43. Sir Rich. Younge to the Same. Will become his tenant of Odiham House on his own conditions, but will still retain the inn at Oatlands. The King has spoken to the Lords on behalf of the Lord Treasurer, leaving him to them, but wishing them to mingle mercy with justice.

May 6. London. 44. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. The Earl of Bristol has arrived, and brought back the jewels given to the Infanta; he is confined to his house in St. Giles' Fields, but the King has sent him kind messages; it is thought he will not be much questioned, lest he should reveal too much. His Majesty had a conference with the Lords, and has said a little in favour of the Lord Treasurer. The clergy have given their subsidies absolutely to the King, to be at his disposal, at which the Commons are displeased. Sec. Conway has promised to do all he can to forward Carleton's appointment, and says he would give up his place to-morrow for 4,000*l*. The Spanish Ambassador, Inijosa, pretends that the accusation of the Prince and the Duke of Buckingham was a misunderstanding of the King, &c., and declares the Prince to be the most dutiful son, and the Duke the most faithful servant that ever king had; there the matter is likely to end.

May 6. Ascension Day. London. 45. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Thanks for his good wishes to obtain for him the succession to his place [as Ambassador in Holland]. The project would be forwarded if the Queen [of Bohemia] would request it, as likely to be useful to herself.

May 6. 46. The Same to [the Same]. The apprehension of the closing of Parliament makes a crowding of private bills, and hinders business. The Lower House entered, though reluctantly, upon the case of the Virginia Company, the dissensions in which threaten its ruin. The Company accuse the Commissioners appointed by the King to hear their cause, of extreme partiality, Count Gondomar and his successors of using their utmost efforts to destroy the plantation, and the Lord Treasurer of sending Sir Edwin Sandys, late Governor, out of town, when he should have been examined on his own conduct, and that of the former Governor. The King, however, wrote to bid the House drop the matter, as it was already before Council, and their interference would do harm. The order was assented to by a general silence, but not without whispers that by such means any business might be taken out of the hands of Parliament. It being suspected that during the late connivance at Popery, recusants had got into county offices, as Justices, Deputy Lieutenants, &c., certificates were ordered in each county of all in

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office who were papists, or any of whose families were such. They were found fewer than was feared. Some persons created laughter by accusing their own wives, though declaring they would not be overruled by them. The subsidy committee cannot fix the days of payment till they know how long Parliament will last, as the members should have returned to the country before the first payment; also they want the names of the Council of War to be decided on, that they may be inserted in the Act. The House longs for the proclamation against priests. Sec. Conway says it is ordered, and that the Recorder is also charged to suppress the flocking of the English to mass at the Ambassadors' houses. The clergy have granted four whole subsidies, with which the King is pleased, and he reflects on the backwardness of the laity. A committee was appointed to examine complaints of undue exactions by heralds at visitations and funerals, and also to hear the complaint of York Herald against the Earl of Arundel, for suspending and imprisoning him, sequestering his profits, and searching and then bricking up his study. It seemed that the sequestration of fees was by an order of the heralds, to which he formerly consented; his imprisonment was for dispersing his book, which is erroneous and scandalous, and his study, which is in the Herald's Office, was fastened up, lest he should convey away office books. The Lord Keeper was not cleared in the affair of Lady Darcy. A complaint is made against the Bp. of Norwich for forbidding all preaching on Sunday forenoons in the 32 churches there, and confining it to the cathedral, which will not hold a fourth of the usual hearers, and for other things tending to Popery. The Bishop calls it a calumny, and makes light of it. The Lords have returned the Act for reducing usury to 8 per cent., with a proviso that no words in it shall be interpreted to allow that usury is lawful. The pretermitted customs have been disputed, but the House is very careful not to question the King's right to impose, nor otherwise to offend him. The Spanish Ambassadors have presented a paper to his Majesty, detailing the fair progress of the marriage treaty, till disturbed by the rash humours of Buckingham, who, when in Spain, behaved ill to the King of Spain, Conde Olivarez, and the Prince, and tried to break off this match, as he will any other, because he designs to marry his daughter with the eldest son of the Queen of Bohemia; stating also that he takes more authority on him than the Prince, and courts popularity in Parliament by combining with the Puritans; but nothing was said of any design to depose the King from the government, unless he would yield to these courses, on which the Duke is to be examined before Council. This part the Ambassadors disavow, and throw it on Don Francisco, Colonna's priest, a Walloon who has got into the King's favour by pretending to dislike Spanish ambition. His Majesty spoke more strongly to the Ambassadors than was expected. The Earl of Bristol, after lingering awhile at Calais, has come over, and is now at his own house at St. Giles's. The King summoned the Upper House to Whitehall, and spoke to them about the Lord Treasurer, but in very uncertain language. He bade them remember that

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crimes called up should not be treated like those that cry out of themselves; that what was done for his own service should not be censured, but that as the Treasurer was raised up by him to reform abuses, he deserved double punishment if guilty, yet wished them to temper justice with mercy. The Subsidy Bill has passed; the days of payment are 12th July, December, and May, and the moneys are only to be issued on warrants from the Council of War, and for the objects specified in the Act. The tide runs strong against the merchant adventurers, and it is proposed that others beside them shall be allowed to trade in dyed and dressed cloths. If this be carried, an insurrection is feared, as they say they will not then buy any more white cloths, and they cannot be forced to abide by their patent, which pledges them to buy cloth, because the imposition which they levied to refund to themselves the 72,000*l.* paid to the King and others for their patent is pronounced unlawful. Lord Kensington is in great hopes of sincerity in his dealings with France. Sir Robt. Mansell has a project to increase the navy by adding double decks, with loopholes for cannon, to 200 merchant vessels, at a cost of 30,000*l.*

May? 47. Notes [by Sec. Conway] relative to the victualling of certain merchant ships for eight months, and the propositions of Sir Robt. Mansell, which he begs may be considered.

May [6]. Greenwich. Proclamation made on the petition of Parliament, charging all Jesuits, seminary priests, and others who hold orders under the See of Rome, to depart the land before June 14, on penalty of the utmost severity of the law. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 119*.]

May 6. Copy of the above with slight alterations. Printed. [*Ibid., No.* 120.]

May 7. Dover Castle. 48. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. The gunpowder in the ship stayed at Dover is not English produce. Asks whether his conduct towards the Earl of Bristol and those who wished to cross the sea to him, is approved. Sends a petition from Margate.

May 7. Whitley. 49. Rich. Middlemore to Lord Zouch. Notwithstanding that he serves his Lordship, has been chosen churchwarden of St. Michael's Church, Coventry, as he refused to pay 3*l.*, which was required to free him from office; begs his influence with the Archbp. of Canterbury to obtain his release therefrom. Is hardly dealt with in reference to taxes, as are all his Lordship's tenants at Whitley, and is assessed for subsidy both in Coventry and Stoke parishes.

May 7. Greenwich. 50. Petition of Robt. Audley and other Inhabitants of the Precinct and Site of the Hospital of St. Thomas, Southwark, to the King. Show that from the time of the foundation of the hospital, 400 years ago, the land on which their houses stand was exempt from tithes; that Edward VI. granted it to the city of London, to continue an hospital for the poor for ever, and ordered maintenance for the Minister out of its revenues; that the Mayor, &c., have appointed Wm. Todd, the Minister, giving him no allowance except

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supposed tithes on their houses, which he exacts at 2*s.* per pound yearly, and sues those who refuse to pay it. Beg that the case may be brought before Council. With reference thereon to Council.

May 7. [Greenwich.] 51. [Sec. Conway] to the Bp. of Worcester. Thanks for his charity in raising some provision for the widow and children of Dr. Archbold. Thinks they cannot do better than put themselves into his hands. Asks to know how this charitable work is to be performed.

May 7. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 7. Gravesend. 52. Sir Wm. Croft to Carleton. Recommends a kinswoman of Carleton to his favour. Brave resolutions are made, but their execution is slow.

May 8. 53. Locke to [the Same]. The King was disquieted with the intimations of the Spanish Ambassador, till several councillors and peers swore that there was no such purpose [as that of deposing him]. The Ambassador laid all on Buckingham, and offered to maintain what he said by combat. He is likely to be called before the Upper House; precedents are sought to punish him, and some found, and the King told of it; but he replied that such precedents were found to cut off his mother's head. The Ambassador has done his best to get the King's ear, and went to Theobalds to see him, but the Prince having notice, rose from the House and was there before him. His Majesty sent for the Lords to Whitehall on the 5th, and told them he came to sing a psalm of mercy and justice about the Lord Treasurer, who had done him good service in checking some grants which his own facile disposition led him to grant; that the imposition on wines was for his service and profit, and therefore they might as well arraign him as the Lord Treasurer. The Prince, on request, said that he was not questioned for that, but the King told him he lied, and bade the House proceed, but give a good account of what they did. It is said that the King of Spain offered Lord Digby a *carte blanche* to make his own conditions, if he would remain in Spain. Buckingham has been ill and let blood. Some say that something was given him in Spain, which now begins to work upon him.

May 8. 54. Receipt by Robt. Clarke for 2*l.* from Sir Thos. Wilson, in part of a debt of 4*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* due to Stephen Higgins.

[May 8.] 55. Petition of the Heralds and Pursuivants of Arms to the House of Commons. Offer proofs of the antiquity and necessity of their office, confirmed by many charters; their fees have abated rather than increased, and if they be made voluntary and uncertain, the college will be overthrown, and the distinction of ranks of the nobility and gentry subject to confusion. Pray that if their ancient course be altered, some settled rule may be devised for them.

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May 8? 56. Sir Wm. Beecher to [Sec. Conway]. Had summoned a meeting of Council about grievances, but finds that one is to be held at Greenwich, about M. St. Sauveur's business.

May 9. Serjeants' Inn. 57. Lord Chief Justice Ley to the Same. Has examined Dr. Lambe, convicted of a rape. Cannot dissent from the verdict of the jury, but should not have punished them had they acquitted him, as the cause was so equally balanced. *Incloses,*

57. I. *Statement by Sir Jas. Ley, that Dr. Lambe told him that one Joyner and his wife know where is a casket of jewels, value* 7,000*l. or* 8,000*l., belonging to the late Queen Anne; that old Lady Windsor, aunt to the present lord, told him* [*Lambe*] *certain things about the Gunpowder Treason, but he required time and conference with her to write them down. The evidence on which he is convicted of rape rests on the credit of the witnesses, who are mean persons.*

57. II. *Statement, by John Lambe, of the proofs brought against him for a rape, and of their invalidity; also of his own proofs in favour of his innocence.*

May 9. Odiham. 58. John Lucas, Keeper of Odiham, to Lord Zouch. Wishes to see him there. Various matters relating to the estate.

May 10. Sandwich. 59. Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to the Same. Send a fuller examination of Joseph Hatch, master of the ship of Sandwich lately taken by the Dunkirkers, and of one of his mariners.

May 10. 60. Speech in the House of Lords to prove that the effect of Sir Peter Vanlore's bill is to make void the conveyance of land by Sir Rich. Lidall to Judith, his wife, on her marriage, which has been found good in civil law, and to confirm the defective conveyance thereof made to himself, for loan of money for the Earl of Kelly, which conveyance he accepted from a covetous desire to buy that property, though knowing it was in a marriage settlement, and has since refused other opportunities of repayment of his money from the Earl of Kelly. [*Indorsed by Laud.*]

May 11. Bishopthorpe. 61. Tobias Matthew, Archbp. of York, to the King. Will submit to his wishes relative to York House in the Strand, and his other tenements there, and has sent a relation thereof to the Lord Keeper, whom his Majesty has charged to care for satisfaction to the see for so large a property. Blesses God for a King who does not even desire anything belonging to the church without making abundant recompence.

May 11. Serjeants' Inn. 62. Lord Chief Justice Ley to Sec. Conway. Has considered, with all the Judges, the case of John Williams, which is important as a precedent. Finds his indictment defective, but the matter of murder such that he does not fall within his Majesty's ordinary grace, unless, when he is tried again, his crime be found only manslaughter. Respites Lambe's execution till he knows the King's pleasure.

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May ? 63. Petition of Jeremy Stephens, Minister and Master of Arts in All Souls College, Oxford, to the King, for his promise of the parsonage of Upton, Worcestershire, on the next vacancy, or of the first benefit in his gift, being prevented by his college residence from becoming a timely suitor, when preferments fall in.

May ? 64. Testimonial of the Vice Chancellor and Warden of All Souls, and several Professors of Oxford, in favour of Jeremy Stephens, as worthy of preferment.

May 11. 65. Sir John Jephson to Sec. Conway. Recommends the above suit of Mr. Stephens, his good friend and a learned man, for a benefice.

May 11. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to Sir Edw. Coke. To expedite the business concerning new soap, that it may be resolved on this session. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 11. 66. Statement by the Earl of Southampton, and five other lords and bishops sent by the House of Lords with a message to the Lord Treasurer, that, besides his answer as returned, his Lordship said, that "for a man to be thus followed, morning and afternoone, standing eight hours at the barr, till some of the lords might see him ready to fall downe, two laywers against him, and no man of his parte," was an unheard of and unchristian proceeding, and that he begged they would deal with him as he would with one of them, for it was his turn to-day, and might be theirs to-morrow.

May 12. 67. Locke to [Carleton]. Two or three days after the King's speech to the Lords, he sent them word to proceed with the Lord Treasurer as they thought fit. His trial goes on without intermission. He petitioned for some respite on the score of ill health, and complained of inhuman dealing in being examined four or five days, morning and afternoon. The Prince thought it was a trick to gain time, so the Earl of Southampton and others, with a doctor of physic, were sent to see him at Chelsea, and his plea was disallowed. The Lower House have prescribed an oath for the Council of War, not to issue orders for any money of the subsidies and fifteenths, except according to the Act. Sir Edw. Cecil and Sir Horace Vere are going to their charges, and Sir Robt. Mansell and Sir Thos. Dutton to sea. Sir Simon Harvey is convicted of deceiving the King about the provisions for the household. His Majesty wished Parliament to break up on the 22d, but it is likely to last longer.

May 12. Drury Lane. 68. Arthur Lord Chichester to [the Same]. Much time is taken up with the complaints in Parliament against the Lord Treasurer; viz., making profits out of the Wardrobe when he was Master of it; receiving a bribe of 1,000*l.* from the farmers of customs; making gains of paying the King's debts; taking the farm of sugars at 2,000*l.* and letting it again at 6,000*l.*; laying a new imposition on groceries in the outports; neglecting to furnish the magazines of arms; and committing misdemeanors in the Court of Wards. The Earl

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of Bristol is not accused, but is commanded to retire to his lodging. The Earl of Carlisle is on his way to France. Buckingham is sick of a fever. All good men's eyes and hearts look towards the Palatinate, when the subsidies come in. Has sent for dogs from Ireland, and hopes soon to have some good enough for the Queen of Bohemia, who desires a brace.

May 12. 69. List of anticipations made upon several heads of His Majesty's revenue. Total amount, 43,709*l.*

May 12. Grant to Gabriel Hippisley of the benefit of the outlawry of Wm. and Nich. Dacombe and Rich. Estmond, with provisoes of paying their debts, submitting to the decrees of the Exchequer, and yielding a tenth of the profit to the King. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Discharge to Katherine and Margaret Stevenson, widows of John Stevenson, sen. and jun., late Keepers of the King's Wardrobe in Windsor Castle, of certain parcels of wardrobe stuff, which were found deficient on taking their accounts of their husbands' charges. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Discharge to Inigo Jones, Surveyor of the Works, for 1,901*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, received by him, and disbursed according to bills given in, for masques for Queen Anne and Prince Henry, for Lady Elizabeth's marriage, and for barriers for the Prince. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Release to Lord Walden and Lady Elizabeth his wife of all conditions in certain Patents granting to the latter the English lands of th e late Earl of Dunbar, on her performance of agreements made with her sister Lady Anne, late wife of Sir Jas. Hume, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy and Surveyors of Victuals, 51,156*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, for defraying the charge of 12 ships, to be set forth in warlike manner, for six months. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Licence to Sir Roger North, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, and John Soame, to travel, for three years. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Grant to John Hare of 273*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, arrears of a rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for Hesilkughe Grange, Yorkshire, of which he holds the interest, according to a Patent of Queen Elizabeth, but which arrears were paid into the Exchequer; and grant to him of the said rental, until the expiration of the lease. [*Docquet.*]

May 12. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Bristol. To postpone his visit to his mother for a few days. [*Minute, Conway s Lett. Bk., p.* 120.]

May 12. London. The Same to the Master, &c. of St. John's [College, Cambridge]. On behalf of Mr. Mason, now employed into France. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. London. The Same to Lord Chief Justice Ley. To make a clearer report concerning Lambe. [*Ibid.*]

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May 13. 70. Locke to Carleton. The Lower House fined the Lord Treasurer 200,000*l.*, but the Upper reduced it to 80,000*l.*, and afterwards struck off 30,000*l.* more, at request of the Prince, though he had been thought his greatest enemy. The 50,000*l.* is to be paid at once, and used for the war. He was sent from the Parliament House to the Tower.

May 13. London. 71. Chamberlain to the Same. Sir Isaac Wake has gone without his lady, though he spares her no cost. Proclamations are issued for expelling Jesuits and seminary priests, and for restraint of warrants in the King's parks for deer, amongst which there has been a great murrain this winter. Buckingham has had fever and jaundice. He is thought to be more sick in mind than body, and to decline apace. The King has been to see him, and tried hard to reconcile him with the Earl of Bristol, who is ordered to keep his house, but has gracious speeches from his Majesty. He behaves boldly, and a commission is issued to examine the matter, which must not come into Parliament, as the Prince has shown himself a party. The Lower House is troubled about the disposing of the subsidies, and the more because the clergy have granted the King four subsidies absolutely in three years, instead of allowing theirs to be disposed of with those of the temporalty. There are contests about the placing of the Council of War; Visct. Grandison, being an Irish peer, is not allowed precedence over Lords Craven and Brooke, an English baron weighing 10,000*l.*, and an Irish viscount only 1,500*l.* Sir Edw. Cecil, as son of an earl, claims precedence over Sec. Conway, and over Sir Horace Vere, his senior in service; and Sir Robt. Mansell, as general at sea, over Col. Ogle. The King made an ambiguous speech to the Lords about the Lord Treasurer, beginning with mercy and ending with judgment; yet taking a good deal of blame from him to himself. The Treasurer's conduct has been audacious and impudent in outfacing manifest truths. He petitioned for time on pretext of sickness; but the House sent deputies to examine his condition, and they ordered him to appear at once, or they would proceed to sentence. He grew impatient, and accused them of rigorous dealing, having been baited all the day before by two mastiffs, meaning Sir Randall Crew and the Attorney General, and spoke so saucily from 2 o'clock to 7 that, but for the Prince's intercession, he had been sent to the Tower. He is sentenced to 50,000*l.* fine, loss of office, &c., and would have been further degraded but that he had great, if not *gratis* friends in the Bedchamber. He may live to crush his enemies, if his brother-in-law, Brett, should get into favour, and marry the Duchess of Richmond, who would do anything to be prime courtier again.

May 13. London. 72. Dud. Carleton to [the Same]. Sec. Conway does not approve of Nethersole's succeeding Carleton in Holland, but will not oppose it if wished by the Queen of Bohemia. He thinks Sec. Calvert does not really mean to resign, but, by feigning it, to induce the King to give him a large share in business. The Upper House sentence the Lord Treasurer to loss of office and perpetual disability to hold it, imprisonment in the Tower during pleasure, a fine

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of 50,000*l.*, and exclusion from Parliament and the Court. The Lower House are busy about guarding the subsidies, which are to be managed in a new manner. They would have mutinied, if the proclamation against priests had not come out when it did, especially as the King was very desirous to save the Lord Treasurer, and had even thought of making a rupture for his sake. None doubt that he will restore him to liberty and remit his fine; but when his debts are paid, which are 70,000*l.*, he will have little left. The Prince has prevailed to gain the States' Ambassadors' contentment. Sir Rich. Bingley, in the King's ship, protected four Dunkirkers pursued to the Downs by the Hollanders, but was then ordered to withdraw, telling the Hollanders not to attack their enemies whilst in the Downs. Inijosa cannot obtain a pass to leave, and is in doubt what to do.

May ? 73. [Sir Rich. Bingley to Sec. Conway ?]. Sends notes from Sir Wm. Monson's journal, which are given, relative to his conduct between the Hollanders and Dunkirkers in the Downs, in 1604 and 1605, the present state of affairs being somewhat similar to that. Desires instructions from Council how to conduct himself in a like case.

May 13 ? 74. Notes of acts for abstinence from eating flesh, and of the penalties incurred by transgression thereof, showing the King's right to grant licences for eating flesh on fish days, and proposing that he should raise a revenue by offering such licences, with pardon for past offences, to those who are willing to pay a yearly sum for them proportionate to their quality.

May 13. Parliament House. 75. Sir Edwin Sandys to Lord Zouch. Regrets the angry and unseemly words used by his son-in-law, Sir Thos. Wilsford, towards the Mayor of Dover. He has given the Mayor satisfaction, and they are now reconciled. If anything was said that might reflect on his Lordship, begs him to pardon it, or to accept satisfaction for it.

May 14. Musswell Hill. 76. Rich. Welby to the Same. His son's love of play and company hindered the performance of his promise about him. Will once more pay his debts, and hopes that, by his Lordship's influence over him, he may become a new man.

May 14. 77. Robt. Tanfield to the Same. Has sent Wm. and John Tate to Oxford, under Mr. Potter's tuition. The suit will come to trial next assizes; has told Mr. Benion, that the living being so near his Lordship's grandchild, he would not part with the disposal of it, but would give Benion as much as he lost by the change.

May 14. St. John's. 78. Earl of Exeter to Sec. Conway. Passed his interest in the laund of Murie to Sir Fras. Fane, after his father had invested his brother, Sir Edw. Cecil, with it for life, but thinks a greater than Sir Francis should hold it, and that he is unfit, being accused of errors concerning the wood and deer; it is one of the prime walks of Rockingham forest, of which he (Exeter) is Lord Warden.

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May 15. [Greenwich.] 79. [Sec. Conway] to the Recorder of London. The King wishes him to attend him to-morrow, to receive his directions.

May 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 121.]

May 15. 80. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Regrets that he is unable to attend the King, on account of indisposition.

May 15. [Greenwich.] 81. [Sec. Conway] to Justice Hutton. The King wishes his opinion, as judge, whether [John] Williams, whose forfeiture and the grant of his pardon are solicited by Geo. Digby, be guilty of wilful murder, being determined in that case not to pardon him. Mr. Digby is worthy of all favour.

May 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 121.]

May 15. 82. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sec. Conway. Has advised that Mr. Robinson, whom wicked persons conspire to charge with an unnatural offence, should petition to have a pardon drawn, but avoiding the mention of the crime.

May 15. Inner Temple. 83. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sir Fras. Cottington. Finds nothing in the warrant sent to him for inspection by the Prince's solicitor contrary to the propositions between the late Lord Treasurer and the Prince's Council.

May 15. 84. John Evelyn to Lord [Carew?]. Is fulfilling his contract to supply the Tower with 20 lasts of gunpowder monthly, and requests present payment of 2,000*l.* promised to be advanced for new buildings, and a settled assignment for the moneys that become due for the powder.

May 15. 85. Examination of Wm. Miles, of Milton, Kent. Peter Rickholt loaded gunpowder, lead, and shot, on to a Milton boat, to be carried to a vessel in the Downs.

May 15. London. 86. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. Sir Edw. Coke reported the accusations brought in the House of Commons against the Bp. of Norwich, viz., his prohibition of morning sermons except in the cathedral; his excommunication of persons for not turning their faces to the east in praying, which is a usurpation of Papal power; his exaction of extortionate fees, and keeping no registers; and his excommunication of seven persons for attending a private catechetical meeting, held by a clergyman, whom he compelled to acknowledge himself wrong in holding it. He is suspected of inclining to Popery, and his adversaries to Puritanism. Lady Darcy's case is embarrassing, the House being distracted what to do with the Lord Keeper. Complaints of York Herald against Earl Marshal Arundel. The visitations of Heralds, and the fees for funerals, were voted grievances. Sir Edwin Sandys, in his trade report, was heavy against the Merchant Adventurers, through mis-persuasions, and not only are they forbidden to levy more money on cloth to pay their debts, but other persons are allowed to export dyed and dressed cloths, which will ruin the company. The proposed request to the King,

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to dismiss all recusants holding any charge, is likely to prove useless, from the number of persons excepted therefrom by favour of friends. Records are ordered of proceedings on pretermitted customs, and on the King's power to impose, and a petition is in hand on the claim of the subjects to freedom from imposition. Disputes arise as to the parties to whom the Council of War shall be responsible, and also on the precedency of several members of the Council, generals, and Irish peers. The Lords have been busy on the Lord Treasurer's case. He came to the bar of the House without his staff of office, but has taken it to the Tower, whence the King will send for it. A bill was sent from the Lords to make his lands liable for his debts, but not read in the Commons; if his fine be raised from his lands, he will be a poor Earl. An Act is passed for restoring Sir Walter Raleigh's son, but the King forbids his claiming Sherborne, at request of the Earl of Bristol, who is ordered to keep his house, but is confident of vindication and eager for his trial, which is delayed by Buckingham's dangerous illness. Sir Lewis Lewkenor is sent to the Tower, for presuming to order a vessel for the departure of the Spanish Ambassador, Inijosa, who complains that he is kept beyond his will. Sir Rich. Bingley wrote to the King, to know what to do with some Dunkirkers who fled to his ship for protection. His Majesty bade him do as he had done before, as there is no war with Spain as yet, and Buckingham was angry with him for his officiousness in writing. Lord Carlisle is going to France, but there is so little hope of the match there that the Duke of Savoy is already negociating secretly for one of his daughters. Will do his best for Mr. Godwin, and try to obtain a place for Capt. Ashley in the Earl of Southampton's regiment. The House is troubled that Sir Robt. Anstruther is not yet gone for Denmark. Some fear the King is looking back to Spain. The Papists laugh at the proclamation against their priests, because Parliament will be ended before the day comes.

May 15. Greenwich. 87. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King commissions him to fetch the Treasurer's staff and seal from the Earl of Middlesex, and bring them to His Majesty.

May 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 121.]

May 15. Greenwich. 88. Grant to David Ramsay of the benefit of the King's interest in any treasure trove discovered by him in two places in Essex.

May 15. 89. Warrant to all Sheriffs, Justices, and others, to permit David Ramsay to search for treasure in two places in Essex, and to carry away for his own use all that he finds.

May 15. 90. Warrant to the Officers of the Exchequer for payment of 20,000*l.* at Paris, to aid the King's friends and allies, as advised by the Council of War, to be advanced on interest by the farmers of customs, from their rent payable next March.

May 17. Warrant to pay to Lord Kensington 1,000*l.*, as the King's free gift, in consideration of service. [*Docquet.*]

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May 17. London. 91. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Buckingham has still some sharp fits of fever, which hinder business. The bill of subsidies has passed, though not without some rubs, because the King wished not to have it said that he was wronged, save in his children; nor that he intended to enter into war alone; nor to have the States named as about to be assisted, only his allies generally; but the House refused any alteration, at which His Majesty was displeased. Count Mansfeldt is to have 20,000*l.*, and the French will help him also. The Council are to deliberate about four Dunkirkers besieged by 12 or 14 Hollanders in the Downs; both parties are ordered not to fight in the King's harbour, but the States' Ambassadors sue for satisfaction for mischief done to their ships, even in the Thames, by Dunkirkers. The Lord Treasurer is in Sir Robt. Overbury's lodgings in the Tower.

May. 17. 92. Locke to [the Same]. The King wished to have the recovery of the Palatinate named as one of the objects in the Subsidy Act, but it was thought better not, as 100,000*l.* is already due to the King of Denmark on that score; also the House objected to the expression which his Majesty suggested that the Prince had suffered "oppression" in Spain, on the ground that the King's son could not be oppressed by the King of Spain. Encounter between the Dunkirkers and Hollanders near the Downs, in which the latter had the advantage. Sir Rich. Bingley asked if he should do anything, but he was told to attend to other business. Burlamachi is allowed to go on board the Dunkirkers, to seize some ordnance which they have taken from him. Four colonels, the Earls of Oxford and Essex, and Lords Wriothesley and Willoughby, with 1,500 men each, are appointed to the Low Countries. Sir Lewis Lewkenor is committed to the Tower, for writing to Sir Rich. Bingley for a ship to send over the Spanish Ambassador.

May 18. Whitehall. 93. The Council to Lord Carew, Master of the Ordnance. To order the supply of Sir Rich. Bingley's ship, The Happy Entrance, now in the Downs on special service, with 100 culverin shot and 50 socker shot, out of Walmer, Deal, and Sandown Castles, as he requires a speedy supply; the munition to be restored to the castles from the next supply to be made to Bingley.

May 18. Serjeants' Inn. 94. Sir Rich. Hutton to Sec. Conway. John Williams was indicted by the coroner's verdict at the last assizes for Dorsetshire, for murder, but the Grand Jury found it only manslaughter. Knows not the evidence on either case.

May 18. 95. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Has drawn a confirmation to Sir Hatton Farmer, of the manors of Pebworth, Gloucestershire, and Mudford, Somersetshire, which devolve on him as heir male of Sir Rich. Farmer, but sees no reason why Sir Hatton should doubt his title, and desire this assurance.

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May 18. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Recommends Theoph. Andrews to be admitted as one of the King's Scholars at Westminster, according to a former promise made to his late father, who was the King's servant. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 121.]

May 18. 96. Sir Fras. Nethersole to Sec. Conway. Sends a letter from Dud. Carleton. Needs not add any recommendation to Her Majesty [of Bohemia's] suit.

May 18. Greenwich. 97. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a warrant for Sir Rich. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to execute all Acts belonging to the Lord Treasurer's Office, during the vacancy of the Treasurership.

May 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 121.]

May 18? 98. Memoranda [addressed by Sir John Bourchier to Sec. Conway] on the advantages to be derived from a commission to examine the state of the alum works and the soap business; the Lord Treasurer, being now called in question, can no longer be consulted thereon. Conway might gain 3,000*l.* a year by obtaining the foreign vent of soap.

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May 19. Pass for Capt. John Seaton, with two servants, &c., and four horses, to go to France. [*Dom. Corresp., May* 21.]

[May 19.] 1. Objections against the Earl of Middlesex, for procuring, in Aug. 1622, alterations in the instructions for the Court of Wards, injurious both to the King and subject; specifying the losses sustained thereby, and the facilities afforded to the Master and Secretary of the Court, to exact exorbitant fees, and draw large emoluments from wardships. Indorsed [by Nethersole], "Information by Sir Miles Fleetwood against the Lord Treasurer, touching the Court of Wardes."

[May 19.] 2. Accusations made in Parliament against the Bp. of Norwich; viz., suppression of lectures and sermons at Norwich, exaction of undue fees, negligence in registrarship, prosecuting his parishioners for not praying to the east, and for standing during the Te Deum, &c., and commanding setting up of images in churches. With his defence, that he only put down lectures when they interfered with the attendance on common prayer or cathedral service, and has established several where needed; and that the accusations proceed from the Puritans, whom he has vainly endeavoured to bring to conformity. He denies the other charges, which are made by Mr. Stokes, a disappointed candidate for the archdeaconry of Norfolk.

May 20. Aldermanbury. 3. Sir Rich. Younge to [Lord Zouch]. Particulars of the securities he requires for the 2,000*l.* which he has advanced to his Lordship. Has visited Odiham House, and likes it well.

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May 20. [Greenwich.] 4. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King has consented to continue Parliament a few days longer, on condition of their spending the time in perfecting subsidies, and other good bills. He complains that he has less information than usual from his privy councillors of the proceedings of Parliament. He fears that the Lower House may enter on questions of impositions, privileges, or something that may intrench on his prerogative, and wishes them to be watchful to repress any such movement, and to give him immediate notice thereof.

May 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 20. 5. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sir Robt. Harley. Requests him to take opinions on a Bill to be proposed in Parliament, for prohibiting import of Spanish tobacco, by which 100,000*l.* a year is lost to the kingdom. It can be done without breach of treaty, the King has promised it to the Virginia Company, and it will increase his revenue 50,000*l.* per annum.

May 20. Greenwich. Grant to Robt. Earl of Nithsdale of licence to travel into France. [*Docquet.*]

May 20. Greenwich. 6. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King acknowledges his press of business, but begs him to spare an hour from his own rest to give an account of what he has done about two places where greyhounds are kept that destroy deer.

May 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 20. London. 7. Sir Benj. Rudyard to Sec. Conway. The business of the Court of Wards is hindered by the absence of the seal during the vacancy. The King having said it was to be delivered to him, sends a trusty servant for it; will be careful in its use.

May 20. Greenwich. 8. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King wishes the seals of the Court of Wards and Liveries to be left with Sir Benj. Rudyard, with proviso that he do not use them to confirm any bargains concerning his Majesty's profits.

May 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 20. [Greenwich.] 9. [The Same] to Sir Benj. Rudyard, Surveyor of the Court of Wards. He is to have the provisional charge of the seals of the Court of Wards, but not to seal any contracts concerning the King's profits. Has informed the Chancellor of the Exchequer thereof.

May 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 21. London. 10. Sir Benj. Rudyard to Sec. Conway. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has delivered the staff and the seals of the Court of Wards to Lord Annandale. The King's service suffers for want of forma proceedings.

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May 21. St. Martin's Lane. 11. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. The House of Commons behaves with due respect to his Majesty; wishes Conway could attend it more frequently; is prevented by illness from attending regularly himself.

May 21. London. 12. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Buckingham has been twice abroad since his illness. The Mastership of the Court of Wards is given to the Lord President of the Council. Four regiments of 1,500 men each are to be levied, the Earls of Oxford, Southampton, and Essex to be three of the Colonels; the fourth is not fixed on; the Prince favours Sir John Burlacy, the King, the Earl of Morton, and some, Lord Willoughby. His Majesty is to have the first nomination of officers, treasurer, muster-master, &c. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has the authority of treasurer for a time. Lord Bristol presses much for a trial, and, as Buckingham is better, may obtain it. Inijosa is not allowed to go till he either proves the pretended treason or eats his own words; the one he cannot do, the other he will not. There is a difficulty about the Dunkirk ships besieged in the Downs by Hollanders, who sue for licence to take revenge for former wrongs; the others press for leave, according to treaty, to sail away two tides before the Hollanders, but the Downs not being a harbour, nothing can be done to protect them, unless the King's ships attend them. Burlamachi, escorted by Sir Rich. Bingley, is allowed to visit the Dunkirkers, in search of some of his artillery which they have on board. The Prince has obtained a week's sitting longer for Parliament.

May 21. Greenwich. 13. Earl of Kelly to Sec. Conway. The Vice Admiral is to be consulted on M. Van Male's request, that the Dunkirk vessels be permitted to come up the Thames, or to some harbour on the coast, till they can take their own time, or that they be allowed, as usual, two tides to clear out, before the Hollanders go in pursuit of them; also that some goods of Don Diego de Mexia on board one of them may be landed.

May 21. The Happy Entrance. 14. Sir Rich. Bingley to [the Same]. The Dutch Admiral promises to be civil. Will survey the iron ordnance on board the Dunkirk ship. Begs a supply of provisions or another ship.

May? 15. Sir Ralph Sydenham to [the Same]. Desires a note from the King to assure to him the reversion of the office of Surveyor of Ordnance, on demise of Rich. Kaye, a former reversion granted him on the death of Sir John Kaye failing him, because His Majesty forgot his promise.

May 21. Greenwich. 16. Order by the King, that no grant of the office of Surveyor of Ordnance shall be passed, without his being reminded of a former promise, hitherto overlooked, to confer the office on Sir Ralph Sydenham, whom he is still wishful to favour, though adhering to his resolution not to grant any reversions.

May 21. 17. Copy of the above. Indorsed, "For Mr. Ed. Reede."

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May 21. Greenwich. 18. The King to the Officers of Customs at Dover. To allow the transport of twelve horses for the use of the King of France.

May 21. Greenwich. 19. Petition of Sir And. Boyd to the King, for an order to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to deliver to him the forfeited bonds of the Newcastle coalshippers, two thirds of the benefit of which are granted to him, and for permission to commence suits and mak compositions thereon, reserving one third to the King. With two references thereon.

May 21. London. 20. Capt. Wm. Bing and Capt. Edm. Lisle to Lord Zouch. Are summoned before the Council of War, but have demurred to appear without his instructions. The business being pressing, are warned at their peril to do as commanded.

May 21. 21. Locke to [Carleton]. Burlamachi has no warrant to seize any ordnance on board the Dunkirk ships, but merely to examine by the marks what is his. Some of the Dunkirk men who go ashore are roughly handled by those about Sandwich, in requital of old wrongs. The Parliament, at the Prince's mediation. is prolonged until May 29. Charges were preferred against the Bp. of Norwich by factious Puritans, and reported to the Upper House by Sir Edw. Coke, who amplified them, lawyer like, but the Bishop's answers were so satisfactory that the matter would have dropped, had not he himself requested it to be examined into for his credit's sake, on which it was referred to the Archbp. of Canterbury. The Council of War inquires after the state of the musters. Buckingham's health is infirm; he has been carried in a close chair to visit the Prince, &c.

May 22? 22. John Millington to his Brother [Gabriel Millington]. The reason of the guards round the Duke's house was not any jealousy of him, but the tenderness of the King, who himself ordered those in attendance to keep away all visitors, high or low. The Lord Keeper persisted in going in, saying the broad seal could pass where nothing but the King's bare word resisted. The Prince has obtained a week's prolongation of Parliament. He undertakes to give in to the King a list of Papists. The Lord Treasurer is patient in his imprisonment; an act is passed to pay his debts, and, when this is done, he will hardly have credit to take a shop. Mansfeldt has been restrained in France, and he wishes to reassemble his cashiered companies, but "the designs of soe suttle and secret a commander" are only known by the events.

May 22. St. Martin's Lane. 23. Sec. Calvert. to [Carleton]. This day week is fixed by the King to end Parliament, when he will sign such bills as he thinks fit. Buckingham has had a sharp fit of sickness, but was well enough yesterday to visit the Prince at St. James's, and from Wallingford House to go and see York House.

May 22. Dover Castle. 24. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. To remind Lord [Zouch] for Boswell Dixwell to be made a Baronet. Three or four Frenchmen landed between Folkestone and Dover, and would have got clear off, if a man had not been there by chance. The coast should be better watched.

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May 22. 25. Memorandum by Sir Benj. Rudyard, that he has received the Seal of the Court of Wards and Liveries, on condition of using it only for despatch of ordinary processes, and not for leases, compositions, or contracts.

[May 22.] 26. Statement of the nature of the office of Alnager, and of the abuses to which it is subject, for redress of which the Commons complain to the King. [*See Journ. Com., vol.*, I., *p.* 793.]

May? 27. Answer made by the Duchess of Richmond, who holds the patent of Alnager, to the above statement of abuses.

[May 22.] 28. Bill for establishing three yearly lectures in divinity, according to the will of Thos. Whetenhall, in the parishes of Blackfriars, St. Swithin, and Wapping.

May 23. Greenwich. Warrant for transporting eight horses into France, for the use of Lord Kensington, notwithstanding the restraint of Dec. 26 last. [*Docquet*].

May 23. 29. Certificate by Sir Thos. Wilson, Justice of the Peace for Middlesex and Westminster, that Juan de la Sierra, and three other Spaniards, testified that John Powell, Keeper of Covent Garden, struck the horse of Visconte de Solma d'Alcantura, for riding up and down the garden; that Powell brought other witnesses to prove that he did not strike the Visconte, but only kept him off with his staff when he drew his dagger against him, but that, notwithstanding, Powell was committed, till he found sufficient sureties for his appearance before Council, if required.

May 23. Dover Castle. 30. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. The Dunkirk vessels have sent for munition and anchors. Asks whether to suffer them to be sent. Hears that fresh provision is to be made for the castles of the Cinque Ports, but some of the captains were ordered by the Master of Ordnance to deliver up shot; such an order should have been sent to himself, as Lord Warden. Would rather relinquish his place, unless he is thought worthy to execute it.

May 23. Dover Castle. 31. The Same to the Same. Is much pressed by the merchant of the ship in which the powder was, to give him leave to depart now, as he can have a good escort. The powder might be safely kept, and the other things, being strangers' goods, delivered back. If thought worthy of his place, begs an answer in matters belonging to it.

May 24. London. 32. Sir Fras. and Lucy Lady Nethersole to the Same. Recommend to him a kinsman of the lady.

May 24. 33. Locke to Carleton. Private business. Buckingham's health is amended. Competitors for the fourth Colonel's place. Some fear whether the business will proceed. The King asks if men are mad to go to the Low Countries, there being no enemies to fight against. The Prince has the naming of the captains; those who served in the Palatinate are to be preferred. The Bill against monopolies

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is more minced than the Lower House expected. One against concealments [grants of concealed Crown lands] is likely to pass, but with a proviso for those which are already found, as is the case with those granted to Carleton.

May 24. London. 34. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. The King has reluctantly consented, at the Prince's mediation, to prolong Parliament a week longer, on condition that no new business is begun. Sir Edw. Coke brought in the report of the Committee of Grievances, which are reduced to eight. Sir Robt. Phelips, who brought the report on courts of justice, had one case against the Lord Keeper, that of Mrs. Thomas, whose jointure was ordered in Chancery to go to payment of her son's debts, but, as there was no corruption, the House thought better of it, and many will be wary how they meddle with him. No abuses worth hearing were brought forward from the other temporal courts; Dr. Lambe, the Bp. of Peterborough's chancellor, was accused of many foul practices, but it is too late to have him judged this session. Sir Edwin Sandys, on behalf of the Committee for Trade, has given the death-blow to the Merchant Adventurers, by leaving them nothing but the pre-emption of white cloths, with leave to other merchants to buy them, if not taken off the clothiers' hands within a month, and to carry them to the places where the Adventurers trade. This is a virtual dissolution of the company, though not called such, and there are fears that mischief will result from such a disturbance in trade. The office of Alnager is also complained of; it was appointed to check deceits in clothmaking, but it encourages them, as the Alnager's seals are sold to the clothiers by the bushel. A complaint of increasing fees on merchandise is to be met by setting up tables of charges in each town. The patent for the sole trade to Ginney and Binney in Africa is also condemned, because there were English traders there eighty years before the patentees who pretended to discover it. The Levant merchants complain of the heavy customs on currants, and it is voted a grievance, and will be so to the King, whose revenues are thus abated, whilst nothing is given him. A report on the trade of Spain states, that, instead of silver formerly imported thence, tobacco has become the chief import; and a petition is ordered, requesting the King to prohibit all importation of tobacco, except such as is grown in his own dominions. The Commons have passed the Subsidy Bill. They hesitated to send it to the Lords, because the Upper House had made large amendments in the bills concerning monopolies, concealments, and the continuance and repeal of statutes, but they thought better of it, sent up the bill, and the King has signed the pardon. A bill has passed the Lords, to remove all brewhouses between the Bridge and Tuttle Fields. The Commons hesitate to pass it, as it will damage the estates of many, but they may do so to please the Prince, who, in St. James's Park, is annoyed with the Tuttle Street brewhouses. An Act is also likely to pass to give lands in Yorkshire to the Archbp. of York, in lieu of York House, which Buckingham is altering with great cost. The Lords declined to join in a petition

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to remove suspected recusants from places of judicature, on the ground that they had not time to examine the justice of such a sentence against the persons whose names were presented, but the matter was left in the Prince's hands. The Earl of Carlisle has got to Amiens, and has taken 20,000*l.* for Count Mansfeldt. Names of the officers of the English troops. The Prince has received a large and a small portrait of his new mistress. Buckingham has recovered, and is going to Nonsuch, to confirm his health.

May 24. Bramsell. 35. Wm. Rither and his wife to Lord Zouch. Are willing to pay the fine for lands at Bramsell Park, but beg that the rents may not be longer withheld.

May 24. Whitehall. 36. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Andrea Salice, a gentleman of good family, who has suffered for religion, requests to be joined with the five other Grisons to whom the King has granted leave to make a collection in certain counties for their relief, and he wishes other counties to be added proportionably, on his account. Sir D. Carleton commends his suit, having known his family when employed in those parts.

May 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

[May 24.] 37. Reasons on behalf of Sir John Meldrum, patentee of Winterton Lighthouses, why the contribution of 1*d.* per ton on ships passing that way for support of the lighthouses should not be considered a grievance; with answers to objections made against it by the Trinity House. Printed.

May 24. Monday. 38. Note, that Sir Edwin Sandys reported, in the House of Commons, that the Committee for Trade did not consider the increased subsidy of 3*d.* a pound on raw silk, complained of by the Turkey Company, a grievance, as not being above the true value.

[May 25.] 39. Statute of 21 Jac. I., cap. 3, against monopolies, revoking those granted contrary to former laws, submitting all monopolies, licences, proclamations, &c. to the test of common law, and granting freedom from all suits for transgression of monopolies, &c., and compensation for seizure of goods, &c. thereon.

May 25. Commission to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to execute alone, during the vacancy of the Treasurership, such commissions, &c. as were to be executed by the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer; drawn after the precedent of a like commission to the late Lord Treasurer, to act without the Chancellor of the Exchequer when he was employed on the King's service to Brussels. [*Docquet.*]

May 25. Confirmation to Sir Hatton Farmer and his heirs male of the manors of Pebworth, co. Gloucester, and Mudford, co. Somerset, with remainder to the heirs male of his grandfather, John Farmer, to whom the said remainder was granted by Henry VIII. [*Docquet.*]

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May 25. Articles of agreement indented sextipartite between, 1, Sir John Brooke, 2, Sir John Bourchier, 3, Thos. Jones, 4, Roger Jones and And. Palmer, 5, John Coventry, and 6, Thos. Russell, concerning the equal division amongst them of the profits of the patent for the making of hard soap with berilia. [*Case A., James* I., *No.* 4.]

May 25. [Whitehall.] 40. [Sec. Conway] to Sol. Gen. Heath. The King explained to the Mayor and Aldermen of London that he passed the patent to the Apothecaries' Company from his own judgment, for the health of his people, knowing that grocers are not competent judges of the practice of medicine. He intends to make good his well-founded act, and his intentions are to be made known to the Speaker, that his Majesty may preserve his proper right to care for the good of his people.

May 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 25. [Whitehall.] 41. [The Same] to Sir Robt. Phelips. Requests him to send by the bearer any despatches he may have received from the Earl of Bristol out of Spain, and to give notice of any others of the House whom he knows to have received such papers, that they may be sent for.

May 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 122.]

May 25. Dover Castle. 42. Lord Zouch to [Sec. Conway]. Forwards a packet, and begs an answer to his last, being daily called on by the master of the ship which he has stayed. [*See May* 23.]

May 25. London. 43. Dud. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Men's hearts faint about the execution of what is so well meant. The King's consent is yet wanting to the agreement made with the States' Ambassadors; he will not suffer the Spanish Ambassador to leave. Buckingham is recovered, and is going with his Majesty to Greenwich. The Mastership of the Court of Wards is said to be for Lord Zouch, and Buckingham is to be Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

May 25. Godmanchester. 44. Sir Robt. Osborne to the Council. Found that John Throgmorton had surprised the sequestrators, and taken forcible possession of the manor house of Great Staughton. He refused to give up Allabone, his servant, indicted for the death of the man who came in aid of the High Sheriff and was slain, but promises to yield the house, if so ordered, when the Council answers his petition.

May 25. Tower Hill. 45. Ensign Edw. Fowkes to Lord Zouch. Lord Willoughby is unable to grant the place solicited, the Prince having promised it to another. Doubts whether the troops will go, as the Spanish Ambassador has remonstrated against the sending of forces to his master's enemies, and the King has taken a few days to deliberate.

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May 26. Aldermanbury. 46. Sir Rich. Younge to Lord Zouch. Private affairs. Report that his Lordship will leave the Cinque Ports, and be made Master of the Wards. Begs that, as Mr. Potter is otherwise beneficed, a compromise may be mediated with Benion for Wotton parsonage, to which he was presented by the late Lord Treasurer in Mr. Tate's minority.

May 26. London. 47. Sir Edw. Conway, jun., to Carleton. The Subsidy Bill has passed, and the Bill of Grievances, which will be so long as to be a grievance to the King, is progressing. If His Majesty were raising an army twenty times as numerous, he would not lack suitors for places. He gives the nomination of the officers to the commissioners for the treaty, but the Prince, like the lion in Æsop's fable, challenges all for himself, and may well do so, "for there was never a braver Prince, better beloved, or more fit to command."

May 26. Warrant to pay to Count Mansfeldt 20,000*l.*, for important public service beyond the seas, with allowance to the farmers of the Customs, who have advanced the money, of 10 per cent. interest thereon, until March, the time of payment of their rent. [*Docquet.*]

May 26. Grant to Rich. Rutley of pardon for manslaughter of Thos. Goodwich. [*Docquet.*]

May 27. Doctors' Commons. 48. Dr. Rich. Zouch to Lord Zouch. The Prince, on presenting the petition for removal of recusants from office, promised that nothing fresh should be undertaken this session. The Commons are displeased that the Lords altered some things in the Bill for continuance of Statutes without consulting them, and the Lords disapprove the Commons assuming power, in the Subsidy Bill, to punish any of their own body who may prove faulty, as commissioners for that treasure. Shortness of time prevented the adding to the grievances the late benevolence, and also the making of serjeants-at-law for money, which was complained of by the greatest lawyer in the House. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is to hold the treasurership in commission, till Michaelmas. The King has taken Buckingham to Greenwich, helping him into the coach with his own hand.

May 28. [Whitehall.] 49. [Sec. Conway] to the Same. The Council being informed that the gunpowder in the ship stayed by his Lordship is from abroad, desire him to let the ship pass. They are sitting upon the disorders that arise with the Dunkirkers, who are to be advised not to attempt to fetch anchors and cables, whilst the Hollanders try to intercept them. The King intends to protect all his allies in his ports, until other resolutions on matters now in deliberation are taken. The directions sent by Lord Carew to the castles were for the sake of furnishing the fleet in necessity, but with intention to restore the ordnance provisions thus transferred; Carew's writing direct to the castles, rather than through his Lordship, was caused by haste. Advises him in such cases to protest against informality, but not to let the King's service fail. Parliament will conclude to-morrow.

May 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 123.]

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May 28. Greenwich. 50. The King to the Warden, &c. of New College, Oxford. Recommends Edw. Young, a hopeful scholar in Winchester College, for this year's election of Winchester scholars to New College.

May 28. Grant to Rich. Rice of the moiety of 500*l.*, forfeited by Mark Quested, John Wolverston, and Nich. Houghton, for forestalling lobsters. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Grant to Margaret Price of an almsroom in Clerk's Hall, near Bishopsgate. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. Grant to Geo. Daye of an alms-room in Peterborough. [*Docquet.*]

May 28. 51. List of 27 letters and despatches connected with the Earl of Bristol's negociations in Spain, as sent by the Earl to Sec. Calvert, and delivered, by the King's special directions, to Sec. Conway. With note of the receipt of the above, and of one additional letter, by W. Peaseley.

[May 28.] 52. List of 43 Acts agreed upon in Parliament [and to be presented to the King, for his approval].

[May 28.] 53. Address of the House of Commons to the King, presenting the Grievances of which they request redress, viz. :—

1. Sir Ferd. Gorges' Patent for sole fishing on the coasts of New England.
2. Incorporation of the London Gold Wire Drawers.
5. Incorporation of the Apothecaries of London, as separated from the Grocers.
6. Sir John Meldrum's Patent for a Lighthouse at Winterton Ness.
7. Abuses of Sir Simon Harvey, in purveyance for the King's household.
8. Patents granting the custody of gaols and prisons to other than the sheriffs of counties.
9. Patent for Surveyorship of Newcastle Coals.
10. The increasing multitude of popish and seditious books printed and published within the realm.
11. Proclamations concerning buildings.
12. Abuses of Dr. Anyan, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, by misdemeanors in its government, and other scandalous offences.
13. Abuses in the Court of Wards, to be remedied by renewal of the former instructions, which were revoked by the late master, the Earl of Middlesex.

[*Nos.* 3 *and* 4, *being complaints of Liveries, called briefs, for making collections for charitable purposes, and of raising questions about concealed Crown lands and defective titles, are wanting. Several of the above are drafts, written or corrected by Sir Edw. Coke.*]

Grievances which relate to Trade :

3. Patent for the sole trade to Ginney and Binney.
7. Additional imposts on currants levied upon the Turkey Company.
8. Abuses of the Patentee for prizage of wines, in claiming more than the ancient allowance.

[*The other numbers of the series are wanting.*]

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[May 29.] 54. Copy of the grievance of the surveyorship of Newcastle coals.

[May 29.] 55. Report [by Sol. Gen. Heath] of the King's answer, assenting to the petition for redress of the general grievances, excepting of those relating to the charter of the Apothecaries' Company, Sir John Meldrum's lighthouse, the proclamations against buildings, and Dr. Anyan. As to those on trade, he modifies the Merchant Adventurers' charter, leaving them still the sole export of white cloth, if they buy it up, and ordering reduction of the impositions; he postpones the pretermitted customs; grants redress for the grievances relating to trade to Ginney and Binney; serges and perpetuanies; abuses in alnage; Custom-house fees; prisage of wines; clothworkers; import of foreign tobacco; and the Eastland merchants: but refuses the request of the Turkey Company to remove the impost on currants.

May 29. 56. Speech of the Speaker of the Commons to the King, in the House of Lords. Praises the unanimity of the present Parliament; details the character of some of the bills presented for signature, the public ones requiring to be marked "Le roy le veut," the private ones, "Soit faict comme il desire." The mutability of human affairs requires change of laws. Thanks for his protection to religion; the only thing now wanting being to see the kingdom quit of Jesuits, and Seminary Priests; also for his respect to their privileges, and the ampleness of the general pardon. Present him gladly with three subsidies and three fifteenths, hoping he will make his sword his sheriff, and put his son-in-law in possession of his ancient patrimony.

May 29. 57. Reply of the King. Thanks for the subsidies, which shall all be employed for the Palatinate, notwithstanding his own pressing necessities, which he hopes will be considered when they re-assemble in winter. Thanks also for their respectful treatment of himself. Cautions them, when they meet again, to be careful not to hunt after grievances; will take a course for relieving those presented, but complains of their making one of the orders on buildings about London, which he will maintain for improvement of the metropolis. Thinks Dr. Anyan's matter belongs to himself, as supreme head of the church; has referred it to the Bp. of Winchester, Visitor of the college. Also intends to maintain the Apothecaries' Company separate from the grocers, who have no skill in their wares. Complains of their rashness in attacking patents without due examination. Assures them of his fatherly care for his country.

May 29. 58, 59. Two copies of the above.

[May 29.] 60. Address of the King [on passing the bill for the payment of Lord Treasurer Middlesex's debts]. Hopes the Lords have attended to his injunctions not to make the Lord Treasurer's punishment greater than his deserts; now that they have given in their censure, will approve it only as far as deserved; he is not guilty of bribery; as for abusing the treasure, he must bring in his accounts for that office and the mastership of the wards. Cautions them against examining into men's lives who are not complained of, to find matter against them. Will not allow any officer of his to be complained of in Parliament without leave. Is master of his own family, and

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King, whether in Parliament or out of it. Is content to pass the bill for fastening the Lord Treasurer's lands, it being usual when they are liable for debts.

May 29. 61. [Edw. Nicholas to John Nicholas]. May 28, Sol. Gen. Heath, with 42 of the Lower House, presented the grievances to the King, who made a speech, which is given, assuring them of his care in taking advice before granting patents, lest they should become grievances; complaining that some bills which they had purposed to pass would have robbed him of much of his revenue, without any equivalent, and that they are too ready to find fault with anything bearing the name of a patent, about which himself is the judge; also that when they question patents, they call them in and detain them. This answer, when reported, was so ill taken that it was decided it should not be entered on the journals. On the 29th, the King came to the Upper House, when the Speaker attended at the bar with the bills. Digest of his speech, at the close of which he presented the bill of subsidy. The King whispered awhile with the Prince and Lord Keeper, who knelt on each side of him. He then replied to the Speaker. Report of his speech somewhat fuller than the preceding. In conclusion, he said the House had fallen into a strange fashion of inquisitions on the officers of the Crown and household, and forbade such complaints to be made in future in Parliament, without his knowledge. He ordered the clerk to pause in reading the names of the bills, that he might speak if needful. When the bill on the Sabbath was announced, he declined to pass it, on the ground that it contradicted his own allowance of lawful recreations, and that this act would give the Puritans their way, who think religion consists in two sermons a day: the act for better levying penalties on recusants, he deferred till next session, on the ground that it would affect, not only recusants, but those of his servants on whom their forfeitures were conferred; and though he would not prejudice the Palatinate cause by now making fresh laws against Papists, he would order the rigid observance of the old laws, the same as before the late connivance, and would also advise some plan to prevent the sending of Papists' children to Douay, or their being bred in Popery at home. In passing the bill against certioraris, he requested recompence to be considered of for Fanshaw, Clerk of the Crown, who would lose much thereby. On the bill for the payment of Lord Middlesex's debts and fines, he observed, that he was above the Lords, as they above the Commons, and was sole judge as to the extent of punishment to be inflicted, and that he thought Middlesex not guilty of receiving bribes, but only gratuities, pointing out the difference between the two. The bill for regulating fines on alienations he postponed, as being too hastily got up, although it had been the subject of much alteration and discussion between the two Houses, had been redrawn to meet the different views, and was more beneficial to the subject than any other proposed. On passing the bill for York House, he vindicated himself from any design of allowing the [Arch]bishop to be a loser, and praised the care of the clergy taken by Buckingham, who was adding to the lands given in exchange a house fit for the bishop. The Lord Keeper then signified

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the King's approval of the conduct of the Commons, and of the Speaker in particular, and prorogued the House till Nov. 2. The Speaker stayed behind to kiss hands, and received the King's special thanks, which he deserves, as being the ablest Speaker known for years. The House broke up, not liking His Majesty's speech, and especially objecting to his last words, which were that the preamble of the Subsidy Bill, being made without his advice and contrary to his interests, he must alter it by marginal notes: the remark was received with such murmurs and signs that both His Majesty and the Lords saw how much it was disliked, as being beyond all precedent or order. The hopes raised by the beginning of Parliament were much lessened; it appeared that the King was bent on ruling in his own way, by proclamations, patents, &c., and would abet the clergy against the laity, and thus gradually alter the Church. His value of Protestantism is shown by his rejecting the Recusant Bill, merely because it would deprive him of the means of making grants to his servants; he slighted the subsidy gift, as not tending to his own benefit, and hoped to be remembered next session; his keeping back some bills shows that he wishes them to be bought then. Lastly, he forbade any meddling with offences of his servants or of the clergy, as belonging to his sole jurisdiction; and so concluded a Parliament, in which he protested beforehand what he would do for religion, the commonwealth, the Palatinate, and for redress of all abuses, which he referred wholly and solely to Parliament.

May 29. Journal of the Proceedings of the Parliament, 21–22 Jac. I., taken in shorthand, and giving abstracts of the debates [*by Edw. Nicholas, Member for Winchelsea, afterwards Secretary of State. Dom. Corresp., vol.* CLXV.]

May 29. Licence for Count de Gory, a Polish nobleman, to transport five horses, which he has provided for his own use. [*Docquet.*]

May 29. Ilding. 62. Sir Thos. Wilsford to Lord Zouch. Apologizes for his reproachful language uttered in anger to the Mayor [of Dover], who threatened to imprison him. Begs his Lordship to settle the matter.

May 29. Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street. 63. Lord Chief Justice Ley to Sec. Conway. Thinks the case of Lambe is within the King's ordinary grace, being so evenly balanced on trial that the Jury might have decided either way.

May 29. Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street. 64. The Same to the Same. Thinks Williams of Dorsetshire not within the rule of ordinary mercy, till a new bill of indictment for murder be preferred at the assizes, and the case re-tried.

May 29. London. 65. D. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Will cease to regret the failure of his marriage, from the elopement of the lady, Mr. Volbergen's daughter, with another. Thinks he has had a happy escape.

May [30 ?] Friday. 66. Request, by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, for allowance of 200*l.*, for the hire of 20 coaches for 10 days, taken up by direction of the Duke of Buckingham, and by his order resigned to Rich. Grimes, his servant. Indorsed with note of receipt thereof.

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May 31. Whitehall. 67. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To oblige him, and do the King a service, by drawing such a form of acquittance as will be approved by Parliament, for receipt by Count Mansfeldt of 20,000*l.*, in part payment of the contract for putting an army into the field to recover the Palatinate, and for discharge of the Council of War in issuing the money.

May 31. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 124.]

May 31. 68. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sec. Conway. Has drawn the discharge for 20,000*l.* for Count Mansfeldt, according to the act. Reminds him of Mr. Robinson's petition for a pardon; he is favoured by Buckingham and is a deserving person.

May 31. Theobalds. 69. The King to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a new grant of the lordship and manors of Bromfield and Yale, co. Denbigh, in trust for the Prince, on surrender of the former grant, with power to alien any part thereof in fee farm, for the Prince's better profit.

May 31. Doctors' Commons. 70. Dr. Rich. Zouch to Lord Zouch. The King has ended Parliament by passing such Bills as were ready. He refused but three public and one private act, and gave his reasons for so doing. The draft of the grievances being long, though the matters few, he said he must consult with his Council and Judges before replying. He blamed them for detaining the patents, and censuring them as illegal in the granting, whereas their place is only to examine into wrongs in their execution. Further particulars of his speech. Parliament is prorogued till Nov. 2.

May 31. Dispensation to Dr. Thos. Horsmanden to hold until Lady Day the rectory of Purleigh, Essex, with his vicarage of Goodhurst, Kent, although they are more than 30 miles apart; with proviso of his appointing a sufficient curate for the church where he shall be non-resident. [*Docquet.*]

May 31. Grants to Jas. Kirkham and John Coles of almsrooms in St. Peter's, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

May ? 71. Speech by Dr. Preston to prove that the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge has no right to interfere with the presentation to the public lectureships; is not therefore to be blamed for not applying to him, but still obtained the full consent of the Deputy Vice Chancellor in his absence, before taking out his licence.

May ? 72. Petition of the East India Company to the King, for assistance to bring home from the East Indies 24 good ships, and goods worth 800,000*l.* or 900,000*l.*, they having determined,—on account of the recent massacre of Capt. Towerson and others at Amboyna, and the other tyrannous proceedings of the Dutch East India Company, who are determined on driving them from those parts,—to relinquish a trade which they are not strong enough to support.

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May? 73. Petition of Thos. Johnson, of London, to the King, to cause the States of the Low Countries to make restitution of 1,000*l.*, the value of the property of his only son Timothy, a factor in the East Indies, who was tortured and put to death by the Hollanders.

May. 74. Sir Alb. Morton to Wm. Chesterman. Hopes if Conway be not engaged, he will take Mr. Manucci, who has long served Lord Wotton, can have a good testimony from him, and will be an honest and faithful servant.

May? 75. Statement of grievances inflicted on Nich. Eaton, Jas. Hugessen, jun., and others, of Dover, by the capture of their bark and merchandise, sailing from Flushing to Dover, by a Dunkirker, who carried her into Ostend. They applied to the Admiral of Flanders for redress, but he excused the seizure, on the ground that the Hollanders intercepted vessels sailing to Flanders, and delayed giving any redress. Many vessels of war are building in the Flemish ports.

May? 76. Minute of a proposal for appointing a Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for the Treasury, showing the inconveniences which arose on the last commission, when Sir Clem. Edmondes and Lord Brooke were Secretaries.

May. 77. Petition of Nathanael Phillipps to the Council, to compel Mr. Ingram, Sub-warden of the Fleet, to remand to prison Lady Jane Bridges, who is indebted to him, and was liberated for one term only, to follow out her lawsuits. *Annexing,*

77. I. *Certificate by Robt. Horne and others, that Mr. Ingram, Sub-warden of the Fleet, had faithfully promised to remand Lady Jane Bridges to prison.*

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[May.] Nicholas' Parliamentary Note Book. Calendared under May 25.

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June 1. London. 1. Dud. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Breach of his marriage contract with Mrs. Anne Volbergen. The Parliament is well ended. Buckingham approves Sec. Calvert's proposal [to resign his office to Carleton]. Advises him to come over, to solicit for it.

June 1. Office of Ordnance. 2. Fras. Morrice to Sec. Conway. Sends [for signature] a Privy Seal for the customary weapons for the King's guard, which should have been sent a month ago, but for the interruption to issue of treasure, and they will be clamorous for it. The office has neither store of weapons nor credit.

June 1. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. Has received the acquittance for Mansfeldt. Sends a warrant for the King of Denmark's interest money. The Countess of Middlesex is at Theobalds. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 125.]

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June 1. [Theobalds.] 3. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Hopes he is better, and will be careful of the health "soe deere to the best men and the good cause." As for news, what should go on moves at a Court pace, and what should not is at a stand. Lady Middlesex is at Court, as a suitor, but access has as yet been refused her.

June 1. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 125.]

June 1. 4. P. Maule to the Same. Lady Middlesex has been with the King, and has purchased a warrant for the liberty of her lord. The Prince was anxious to know if his Grace knew about it, and finding he did not, wished him to be informed of it; hopes he will not be displeased; the King and Prince will satisfy him about it. The King says it is only what he granted to Lord St. Albans, and that he will grant him no further favour but by his Grace's advice.

June 1. Theobalds. 5. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Recommends the cause in Chancery of his neighbour in Warwickshire, Sir Simon Clerk, to a favourable and speedy hearing.

June 1. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 125.]

June 1. Theobalds. The Same to the Lord Mayor, &c., of London. Recommends Mr. Wiseman for a reversion of the packer's place. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 125.]

June 1. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To defer the Venetian Ambassador's audience. [*Ibid.*]

June 1. Theobalds. The Same to the Lord Steward. Sends him a letter from France. [*Ibid.*]

June 2. Theobalds. The Same to Sir Thos. Chamberlain. To certify the offence of John Jekin, a suitor for pardon, and meanwhile to continue him in his present state. [*Ibid.*]

June 2. [Theobalds.] 6. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sir James Perrot and other lessees of the Mines Royal in Pembrokeshire have consented that Marquis Hamilton, Lord Chichester, and the Countess of Bedford be joined with them in their grant, which is to be prepared accordingly.

June 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 125.]

June 2. Theobalds. 7. Petition of Art. Robinson to the King. Has been falsely accused of an unnatural crime by two of his servants, who wished to extort money from him. Begs a general pardon for all felonies, that he may be secure from their designs. With note of the case, and order thereon, granting the petition.

June 2. New Romney. 8. Mayor and Jurats of New Romney to Lord Zouch. Send examinations on a communication held between Rowland Coates and John Parker, concerning points of Scripture. Coates is a religious man, and good subject.

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June 2. Downs. 9. Capt. Thos. King to Sir Richard Bingley. The ship of [Roger] Robinson, of Hull, bound for Amsterdam, was captured by a ship of Dunkirk, but retaken and restored to him by a Hollander, except the boat and some goods rifled by the Dunkirker. *Annexing,*

9. I. *Statement, by Roger Robinson, of Hull, of particulars of his capture, and plunder of his vessel by the Dunkirkers, and of his release by Capt. John Symonds. Before Dunkirk, May* 31.

[June] 2. London. 10. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. On Saturday last the King came to the Upper House, when the Speaker of the Commons made him a very wise speech, though rather strained in eloquence; saying they rejoiced at light being brought out of darkness, in the Prince's return; mentioning very honourably their Majesties of Bohemia, and His Majesty's intention to restore them either to their ancient inheritance or to some other instead. He also hoped the performance of the King's grant of the petition against recusants, &c. The bills of grace passed this session are larger than all passed for 100 years, and the King sacrifices more than the value of the subsidies. His Majesty replied by thanking the Commons, on behalf of his grandchildren, for the subsidies, assuring them that he should spend them all on the Palatinate, and should think himself most unhappy if he failed in its restoration. As to grievances, he begged them always to be well advised in presenting them, and rejoiced that none greater could be found than those now presented; he said that he considered the erection of the Apothecaries' Company as a general good; that he cannot remove Dr. Anyan, Master of Corpus Christi, Oxford, without prejudice to the Bp. of Winchester, the visitor, whose business it is; that he thinks the commission for buildings in London no grievance, and tending to the honour of the city, but will redress any abuses therein; that he would rather commend than punish the Bishops of Norwich and London for setting up and adorning images in churches, and putting down popular lay lecturers, but would punish any suppression of popular ministers, &c.; that other grievances he would discuss in Council, and redress. He said he had himself two grievances; first, that part of his revenue, as the pretermitted customs, licence for wines, &c., was taken away, and nothing given in exchange; second, that the House had taken on itself to decide not merely on the convenience of patents, which was its proper duty, but on their legality, which should be settled by the counsel-at-law or judges, and also that it had detained original patents too long from the patentees. He then praised the whole conduct of Parliament, and bade them be ready to meet again Nov. 2. Three Acts of Parliament only have been questioned by the King; that against pastimes after service on Sundays, as being contrary to his own book on the subject; that upon new laws against recusants; for though willing to enforce the old one, he will not make new ones whilst entreating the aid of Catholic princes in behalf of the Palatinate, but wished something to be done against next session; and also that for licence

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of alienations. In passing that on concealed lands, he said that the Earl of Carlisle, though interested in it, had requested not to be considered, if it was thought to be for the public good. Of private bills, the King refused to ratify one for the County Palatine of Durham to send knights to Parliament, on the ground that the House of Commons was already too large, and that some decayed towns, as Old Salisbury, must be deprived of their members before this desire could be granted. He also declined the naturalization of Jacobson, because he, being a great trader, the customs would lose much thereby. In passing the bill for the exchange of York House for some lands in Yorkshire with the Archbishop, the King said he took unkindly the opposition that it had met with from some who had private interests in opposing it, since neither he nor Buckingham, of whom he spoke very affectionately, would injure the church. In passing that to make the Earl of Middlesex's land liable for his debts and fine, he said that on their sentence he had deprived the Earl of office, and should now proportion his punishment to his fault, but warned the Parliament not again to censure his servants without his leave.

June 3. Gray's Inn. 11. Visct. St. Albans to Sec. Conway. Recommends Rich. Gilman for a commission as lieutenant, in the succours about to be sent abroad.

June 3. Whitehall. 12. Council of War to the Same. Are going before the Lord Keeper, to take the oath prescribed to them, and request him, when he can, to join them in this and all their meetings.

June 4. London. 13. [Sec. Conway] to Mr. Cocks, agent to the Russia Company. Asks his furtherance to a letter from the King to the Emperor of Muscovy, requesting leave for Robt. Cunningham, a Scot, resident at his court, to return to his country.

June. Minute of the above, dated June 6. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 126.]

June 4. [Greenwich.] 14. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a pardon for [John] Lambe for rape, the evidence on which he was condemned being unsatisfactory; all other accusations against him are to be left for trial.

June 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 126.]

June 4. 15. [The Same] to the Bp. of Exeter and Mr. Berry. The King requests them to give a speedy end to the business of Widow Bidwell, which both parties have agreed to refer to them, and either to end the differences by mediation, or report where the fault lies.

Minute of the above, dated Windsor, July 4. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 133.]

June 5. Presentation of Thos. Dennis to the parsonage of Burton-super-Aquam, diocese of Gloucester. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. Certain acts, orders, and decrees, under the Signet, made by the Commissioners of Sewers. [*Docquet.*]

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June 5. Grant to Giles Johnson, on decease of —— Allen, of a rent of 20 marks payable to the King by the corporation of Evesham, co. Worcester. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. Grant to Fras. Bull of the keeping of Brontsey Castle, co. Dorset. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. Warrant to Lord Vaux to depart the kingdom, with such officers and soldiers as shall be willing, under his conduct, to serve the King of Spain, and to continue there till the King's pleasure signified to the contrary; with licence to him to travel to or from England on his private affairs. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. Commission to the Lords Chief Justices and others, to mediate with the creditors of poor prisoners for debts of less than 200*l.*, in or near London, excepting those in the King's Bench and Fleet Prisons, for whom a similar commission has lately been issued. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. Licence to the Archbp. of York to consecrate the chapel of St. Mary, in the village of Midgley, parish of Halifax. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. London. 16. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Sir Isaac Wake is in France, and very intimate with Count Mansfeldt. Parliament ended with passing 34 Acts, but many much desired are stopped. The parting was in discontent. The King, in answer to two very long and tedious scrolls of grievances, said he thanked God they were no worse; he thanked the House for their care of his children, but intimated that for him they had done nothing. Further particulars of his speech. The Earl of Middlesex is liberated from the Tower by paying 6,000*l.* in bribes, and is at his house at Chelsea; he gave great sums to keep off this storm. Much canvassing for officers for the new forces; they flocked to Theobalds, but his Majesty would not vouchsafe to see any of them. The Earls of Oxford, Essex, and Southampton are colonels, and the fourth place is contested between Lord Willoughby, Earl Morton, and Sir John Burlacy. Men of unusual rank seek to be officers, in order to raise the volunteer companies by their credit, but it will be hard to raise 6,000 men without pressing, people fearing the miseries of soldiers in these times. Particulars of the massacre of ten English at Amboyna by the Hollanders, which excites great indignation. The King went to the Earl of Arundel's at Highgate, to hunt the stag in St. John's Wood. Buckingham is in retirement at Newhall; the Papists falsely report that he is crazy. Inijosa prepares by the King's orders to be gone, and that without leave-taking. The West Indian fleet is said to have arrived safely, which causes great joy.

June 5. 17. Locke to the Same. The Lord Keeper will not have the King's speech at the breaking up of Parliament published, on account of some passages not very pleasing relative to the Puritans, whom he accused of careless traducing of the Bp. of Norwich. The treaty for sending over the 6,000 soldiers for the States is sealed, &c. Lord Vaux had previous leave to carry over volunteers for the King of Spain.

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June 5. 18. Sackville Crow to the Earl of Exeter. The Duke of Buckingham will recommend his wishes to Sec. Conway, but is not well enough to write to him.

June 6. St. John's. 19. Earl of Exeter to Sec. Conway. To further his suit to the King, to restore Sir Wm. Spencer to the Deputy Lieutenancy; he was put out for errors committed last Parliament but one, and in this Parliament has been forward to promote his Majesty's service.

June 6. London. 20. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Terms on which he will consent to release Mrs. Volbergen from her contract of marriage.

[June 6.] [Greenwich.] 21. [Sec. Conway to the Officers of the Port of London.] Humph. Slaney, merchant of London, has combined with others to trade to Ginney and Binney, contrary to the patent of the company to whom that trade was granted. On the arrival of the next ship belonging to him or his partners, the goods are not to be allowed to land till the King's pleasure thereon be known.

June 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 126.]

June 6. 22. Memorial of points to be considered by the Council of War, viz.: The contract with Mr. Evelyn for supply of gunpowder; confirmation of the orders for munition stores; decision on repair of the decays of maritime English and Irish forts and castles, and supply of munition for Ireland and the Channel Islands.

June 6. Theobalds. 23. Petition of Thos. Steedman to the King. Preferred a bill in the Star Chamber against Ralph Ward, for perjury and forgery, by which he disinherited five poor, lame, and impotent orphans of a great estate, which bill the said Ward by a false witness procured to be dismissed. Obtained a special reference to certain persons in the county, but Ward prevents its completion by unfair means, hoping to wear out the petitioner, and keep the estate. Begs a reference to Sir John Wentworth and others, and freedom meanwhile from molestation. With order thereon, granting the petition.

June 6. [Greenwich.] 24. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Zouch. A report has been made to the King of outrages committed [at Dover] by the Hollanders, on some English who were carrying necessaries to the Dunkirkers. Thinks such a thing impossible in a place ruled by so watchful and just an officer as his Lordship, but, if true, his Majesty wishes to know the particulars.

June 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 126.]

June 6. Greenwich. The Same to Sir Rich. Bingley. To the same purport. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

June 7. Dover Castle. 25. Lord Zouch to Sec. Conway. Cannot ascertain that any insults have been offered by the Hollanders to the English thereabouts, not even whilst carrying provisions to the Dunkirkers. Will never allow his preference for one of these nations to interfere with the strict performance of his duty, but could perform it better if the business belonging to his place might be committed to him and not to Sir Rich. Bingley.

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June 7. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to Sir Rich. Bingley. To cause some victuals to be carried to the Dunkirkers. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June 7. Greenwich. The Same to the Same. To fetch from the Dunkirk vessels, and bring to shore, such goods as belong to Don Diego de Mexia. [*Ibid.*]

June 7. London. 26. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. The King has ratified the treaty with the States, and now the troops are preparing. The Spanish Ambassador, on demanding an audience, was told that his Majesty does not intend to see him again, the match for which he came being broken off, and that he may return when he pleases. Sir Lewis Lewkenor has told him that his ship is ready to convey him home, but it is only a Dover vessel, and he has no present nor safe conduct; he cannot be punished as he deserves, without infringing on the privilege of Ambassadors. Lord Carlisle is well received in France and his overtures embraced. Lord Bristol urges for a trial, his friends saying it is a great injustice to confine him beforehand. The Council will demand satisfaction for affronts done by Flemish ships to the Dutch on our coasts, and if refused, arrest the Dunkirkers now in the Downs. The Spaniards boast of the safe arrival of their silver fleet, and that the Holland West India fleet is lost.

June 7. London. 27. The Same to [the Same.] Sir Geo. Goring is to open the business [of Carleton's secretaryship] to Buckingham, who is ill and in retirement at Newhall; Sec. Calvert is still of right mind about it. Appointments in the new levies are so difficult to obtain that Sec. Conway can scarcely secure a company for his own son. Private business. Recommends Mr. Locke's son to Carleton as a secretary.

June 7. London. 28. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Has presented to the Prince the Queen of Bohemia's letter requesting the seizure of the Spanish ships worth a million, but he refused to influence the King therein, this being a dishonourable way of beginning a war, and likely to provoke the King of Spain to seize English merchant ships there. His Majesty will not break with Spain till he is sure of France and other Catholic princes, so that the war may not seem one of religion. Till Lord Carlisle was despatched for France, there were fears that, in spite of the King's declarations to Parliament, he would relapse into a treaty with Spain, and this is still feared, unless the French marriage treaty proceed well, for he even permits Lord Vaux to reinforce his regiment. The French King has appointed Cardinal Richelieu and M. Vieuville to treat with the English Ambassadors, and to meet the difficulty of precedence, the Cardinal feigns sickness and receives them in bed; good hopes are given of the match, and even that the French King will make the marriage first, and sue for the Pope's pardon after. Count Mansfeldt was kept almost a prisoner in France, and withdrew privately; Lord Carlisle complained of this; the intention here is really to give him the promised 20,000*l.* a month, if the French and Venetians will do their part. Lord Bristol has refused an overture of the

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Prince to withdraw to the country, challenging a trial, and the Commissioners who sat on the Spanish business are appointed for his cause. The Marquis St. Germains, the Spanish Ambassador, after repeatedly and vainly demanding an audience, wrote to the King, that if he could not be admitted, he might as well depart; the reply was, that his conduct had rendered him unfit for audiences, and merited a complaint to his master, and if he wished to go, a ship should be ordered for him. Don Carlos de Colonna, it is said, was asked what he would do, and answered he would leave if the King wished it, but was not commanded to do so; it was replied, that if he avowed the Marquis's doings, he might as well accompany him, on which he said he avowed all. Buckingham is at Newhall, and is well, except a slight attack of ague. The King struck out the Earl of Middlesex's name from the Subsidy Commissioners for Middlesex, and he is not likely to return to Court.

June 7. 29. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. Is informed that he is to attend the Marquis Inijosa to the water side, but that the coaches, &c. are to be at Inijosa's expense. He will leave as soon as the ship which was granted him is ready; he needs a passport for his horses, mules, and goods.

June 7. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. The Ship for the Ambassadors is preparing. A note of their horses and mules is to be sent. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June 7. Greenwich. The Same to the Earl of Bristol. The cause of the delay in his business, and the course it is now put into. [*Ibid., p.* 126.]

June 7. Greenwich. The Same to Sir Walter Pye. Concerning a pardon for a poor man. [*Ibid., p.* 127.]

June 7. Greenwich. The Same to Mr. King. To answer the King's letters concerning Sir John Burlacy. [*Ibid.*]

[June 7.] [Greenwich.] 30. [The Same to Mr. Street, of Bristol.] To come to him to be informed of an opportunity which has arisen for him to serve the King with advantage to himself.

June 7. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 126.]

June 7. Greenwich. Warrant for transporting six horses, for the use of Marshal de Lesdiguières, Constable of France. [*Docquet.*]

June 7. Greenwich. Warrant for transporting six horses for Sir Edw. Cecil, upon his going over into the Low Countries. [*Docquet.*]

June 8. 31. Certificate, by Wm. Hudson, that Edw. Russell, of North-Basham, co. Norfolk, has taken the Oath of Allegiance.

June 8. 32. Receipt, by Sir Wm. Beecher from Sec. Conway, for the two rolls of parchment containing the grievances presented to the King by the House of Commons.

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June 8. 33. Lucy Countess of Carlisle to Sec. Conway. To remind the King of his promise of preferment for Mr. Woodford, the Earl's chaplain.

June 8. 34. Sir Henry Mildmay to the Same. Appeals to Sec. Conway as being generally present at the last Parliament, to vindicate him from any aspersions of having done disservice to the King, and to remove any such impression from the mind of his Majesty, whom he has served truly and faithfully, and yet preserved his reputation with the House, so as to be able to serve him again. Can take no comfort in the great favours bestowed on him by the King, if he is dissatisfied with him.

June 8. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to John Coke. To give notice when the ship for the Ambassador is ready. Heriot's ship and company are left in Ireland. The Phœnix is to be hastened back. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June 8. Greenwich. 35. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert and Sir Rich. Weston. The King requests them to consider the whole proceedings of the Earl of Bristol's negociation concerning the Spanish match and the Palatinate, and thence to draw up questions to be asked of the Earl. Sends them all the letters thereon, and requests a receipt of them.

June 8. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June [8]. 36. Blank form of receipt from Sec. Conway, of twenty-eight letters and papers specified, connected with the Earl of Bristol's negociations in Spain.

June 9. 37. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Has many reasons, both on account of business and other things, to decline the matter referred to him and Sec. Calvert. Hopes the King will refer it again to the whole Committee, or take it out of their hands. Sends an account of M. Van Male's gunpowder and munition in the Custom House. Some powder and bullets were seized in a fishing boat; half belongs to the informer and half to Mr. Porter, who has the grant of the King's moiety. *Incloses,*

37. I. *Sec. Calvert and Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. Cannot fulfil without him the orders to extract from the Spanish despatches questions to be proposed to the Earl of Bristol, as that negociation passed through his hands, and do not think that better ones could be framed than those he has already drawn, which were allowed by the Committee. Whitehall, June* 8.

June 9. [Greenwich.] 38. [Sec. Conway] to Sec. Calvert and Sir Rich Weston. The King refuses to accept their excuses about drawing up the interrogatories, saying that Calvert knows the whole of the Earl of Bristol's affairs, and Weston is fit to direct the work, on account of his negociations abroad thereon. He orders him [Conway] to assist therein. Requests a time to be appointed for their meeting.

June 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

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[June 9.] 39. [Sec. Conway to Sir Rich. Weston.] The King commands him to assist him (Conway) in digesting and preparing [Bristol's] business for the approbation of Council, for which his negociations abroad well qualify him, and will accept no excuses.

June 9. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June 9. 40. The King to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Fellowship of Oastmen of Newcastle. To assist the patentee for the survey of seacoal in the execution of his office, which was interrupted by the questioning of it in Parliament, but restored on signification of his pleasure. All ship-owners and coal-carriers are required to conform.

June 9. Greenwich. 41. The King to the Officers of the ports of Newcastle and Sunderland. To the same effect.

June 9. 42. Account, by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, of money disbursed for coaches and attendance upon the Spanish and French Ambassadors. Total, 192*l.* 15*s.*

June 9. 43. John Verney to Sec. Conway. Sends a letter from Sir Walter Pye, concerning a pardon for a poor man. Requests him to write to the Lord Chief Justice, to transfer to the proper county the suit against his (Verney's) father, by Sir Thos. Puckering, for unlawful seizing of heriots, which is taken to Derby, while the witnesses are in Warwickshire. Has found for Conway a baron of great estate and full purse, if he chooses to have him.

June 9. London. 44. John Coke to the Same. Has ordered, at Sir Thos. Button's request, a speedy supply for the Phœnix, for service in Ireland. The ship for the Ambassador is still windbound at Blackwall; will let him know when it gets to Dover. The Lord Admiral well understands that there was another cause beside haste, why Heriot was left in Ireland.

June 10. St. James's. 45. Earl of Oxford to the Same. His Lieutenant being displaced, begs that Conway's son may succeed him, that Sir John Ratcliffe may continue his company till otherwise provided for, and that Capt. Ball may not have a company, but be permitted to command his [Oxford's] company.

June 10. Inner Temple. 46. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sir Robert Harley. Sends a draft of a letter, advisable to be written by the King or Conway, to the Eastland merchants, that before importing potash, they must know how they can sell it, as the making soap with home materials will lower the price, and the import of foreign ashes would hinder the work with home ashes.

June 11. 47. Order in Council, on the petition of Robert Audley and others, against the proceedings of William Todd, curate and farmer of St. Thomas' Hospital, Southwark, that the matter be heard on June 26, and that Todd, and the Solicitor for the city of London, have notice thereof. With note, that the cause was referred by Council to the Attorney and Solicitor General, with aid of the City Solicitor. Dated June 29.

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June 11. East Beaulieu. 48. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Hears that the Master of the Mint is likely to be dismissed for incapacity. Begs him to request the King either to restore the place to his brother, Sir Edw. Villiers, or to allow him 1,000*l.* a year pension from it, according to a former promise.

June 12. 49. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Is grieved at having incurred the King's displeasure respecting the pardon for Robinson. Was told by Sir Ralph Freeman that his Majesty pitied the poor man, and was willing to pardon him, if the loathsome name of the offence could be omitted; heard also that Buckingham had spoken in the man's favour, and therefore drew up the form for the pardon. [*See June* 2.]

June 12. 50. Locke to Carleton. A complaint made, not without cause, to the Commons, against Dr. Anyan, President of Corpus College Oxford, was referred to Council; but the King will probably hear it himself. The complainants against the learned Montague, Prebend of Windsor, for some things in his book, are also bound over to appear, as are those against the Bp. of Norwich, the wrong done to whom was mentioned by the King in his speech. The Spanish Ambassador Extraordinary has his pass to leave. A ship is refused him; but Sir Lewis Lewkenor is allowed to attend him to the water side.

[June 12.] 51. Extract from the above.

June 12. [Greenwich.] 52. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chief Justice Ley. Requests that Sir Thos. Puckering may not be allowed to remove his suit against Sir Rich. Verney for a heriot to a remote court, as it will cause needless delay and expense. Commends the worth of Verney.

June 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 127.]

June 12. London. 53. Dud. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Buckingham postpones a reply about the Secretaryship; but no one can succeed with these men unless in something that tends to their own emolument. Advises Carleton to come over, with letters from the Queen [of Bohemia] to help him.

June 12. 54. Certificate by Robt. Rich, that Sir Peter Curteen, Bart., has taken the Oath of Allegiance.

June 12. 55. Certificate by Fras. Williamson, that Thos. Malett and Lewis Miburt, of Shirehampton, Gloucestershire, have taken the Oath of Allegiance.

June 13. 56. Testimonial by Col. Sir John Ogle and John Bingham, to the services of Capt. Walter Norton in the Low Countries, at the siege of Ostend, &c.

June 13? 57. Earl of Oxford to Buckingham Thinks himself injured because the Earl of Southampton's name is placed before his in the list of the four colonels. Has precedence by birth, and by having served much in the Low Countries. Southampton pleads being an

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elder colonel, and having served as Lieutenant General to the Earl of Essex in Ireland, but that was in the horse, and does not concern the foot. Begs favour in this cause.

June [13 ?] 58. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Is too ill to compose the difference between the Earls of Oxford and Southampton, but requests Conway to do so, before the King or Prince get to know of it. The Earl of Oxford's reasons are strong. Wishes Conway to be careful lest Southampton's enemies prejudice His Majesty against him.

June 14. Greenwich. 59. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. The Chancellor [of the Exchequer] has acquainted the Prince and himself (Conway) with what he has done on the Earl of Middlesex's affair, but wishes to be sure that his service is well received, and not misinterpreted. The Earl of Bristol's interrogatories are proceeding, and will be submitted to his grace. The King has devised a plan to avoid speaking to the Spanish friar. The Earl of Oxford would yield precedence to Southampton as the elder general, if their regiments were joined, but being divided he refuses it. He declines to receive Sir John Wentworth into his own regiment, and the others do the same.

June 14. [Greenwich.] 60. [The Same] to Sir Thos. Merry. The King wishes him to collect and keep securely all papers of his late cousin, who was employed in the Virginia business, as they may be very useful in those affairs.

June 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 128.]

June 14. [Greenwich.] 61. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To send the King 100*l.* at once. Minute.

June 14. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 128.]

June 14. 62. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Has sent 100*l.* of his own money, as the King sent so urgent a message, because moneys cannot be issued from the Exchequer without a privy seal warrant. Sums like these are usually paid out of the privy purse.

June 14. Tower. 63. Sir Allan Apsley to the Same. A Scotch unbeneficed minister or schoolmaster was apprehended by the bystanders, for making notes of the weight, number, &c. of the ordnance on the Tower Wharf. Thinks he meant no harm, and asks whether he shall be liberated.

June 14. East Beaulieu. 64. Gabriel Marsh to the Same. The Duke being ill, recommends to Conway a Dutch gentleman, formerly patronized by the King and Queen of Bohemia. Indorsed with notes by Conway.

June 14. London. 65. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Breach of his marriage contract with Mrs. Volbergen. The levies are retarded by want of ready money. Sir Robt. Anstruther has taken leave, as he now hopes the King of Denmark will believe him. The Spanish Ambassador is lingering, unwilling to trust himself in the merchant

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vessel appointed for him, because, as it is not a royal vessel, he fears the Hollanders. Buckingham has had a fresh attack of fever. The merchants who should pay the imposition on wines assigned to the Queen of Bohemia are still in rebellion, but must come round in a few days, whether they will or not. The Dunkirk ships remain imprisoned by the Hollanders in the Downs.

June 14. [Greenwich.] 66. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw a pardon for Sir John Bennet of all fines, &c., in matters for which he was questioned by Parliament, and has since been proceeded against. Lady Crofts requests that the pardon may be for all offences except treason, felony, &c., but this must be moderated according to Coventry's wisdom.

June 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 128.]

June 14. Greenwich. The Same to the Lord Chief Baron and Barons of the Exchequer. To settle some good course for better ordering the records and accounts in that court. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

June 14. [Greenwich.] 67. [The Same] to Sir Rich. Bingley. The King's express pleasure is that needful victuals shall be put on board the Dunkirk ships. Will request letters from the States' Ambassadors to the Dutch captains for the quiet performance thereof, and will speak to them about the munition and anchors, and then send orders.

June 14. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 128.]

June 15. Greenwich. [The Same] to the Same. To put his Lieutenant, with the King's standard, on board the ship that is to transport the Spanish Ambassador, and to cause the goods of Don Diego de Mexia to be carried to Dover, and thence embarked in the said ship. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

June 15. Greenwich. The Same to the Earl of Southampton. Recommends from the Prince Mr. Breux to be a Lieutenant. [*Ibid.*]

June 15. Greenwich. The Same to Buckingham. Touching the difference between the Earls of Southampton and Oxford. A packet from Spain, &c. [*Ibid.*]

June 15. Greenwich. The Same to Sir Hen. Marten. To peruse the draft of a discharge to the East India merchants, and see that neither the interest of the King nor the Lord Admiral is thereby prejudiced. [*Ibid.*]

June 15. Presentation of John Bartlett to the vicarage and rectory of Croston, diocese of Chester, in the King's gift by the outlawry of the patron, with clause of revocation of former presentations. [*Docquet.*]

June 15. Grant to Wm. Petty, sen. and jun., and Ant. Petty, of pardon of the fines of 100*l.* each, imposed on them in the Star Chamber, for stealing deer in Belvoir Chace. [*Docquet.*]

June 15. Grant to Geo. Lowe of the benefit of the outlawry of Wm. Collidge until he has received 100*l.* debt due to him from Collidge, with damages and costs. [*Docquet.*]

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June 15. Warrant of assistance to John Arnold, King's Footman, in recovery of a debt of 177*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, received to the use of Queen Elizabeth by Sir Vincent Skinner, bailiff of the manor of Borough, and soke of Newark, co. Notts. [*Docquet.*]

June 15. Confirmation of a sentence given in the Court of Delegates, on an appeal between the administrators of the goods of William, late Bp. of Durham, and Fras. James, on one part, and Richard, now bishop there, on the other, in a cause of dilapidations. [*Docquet.*]

June 15. Grant, with survivorship, to Hen. Martin, sen. and jun., on surrender of Hen. Martin, sen., of the office of Serjeant of all trumpeters, drummers, and fifers in the King's dominions; with grant of all fees due to them by persons advanced to dignities, and by the head officers of the towns through which the King passes in time of progress. [*Docquet.*]

June 15. Fetter Lane. 68. Sir Nich. Fortescue to Sec. Conway. Recommends the suit of Robt. Typper for recompence for the loss he has sustained, by the Act of Limitation, of the benefits he derived from the prosecution of defective titles, and also of a lease which by this Act is terminated.

June 16. Wednesday. 69. Sir Wm. Beecher to the Same. Asks whether the word "assistance," interlined by a hand which he does not know, in the draft of the letter for the levy of the voluntaries, is to be inserted. Also whether the letters are to be general to the counties, or to give the names of those appointed to make the levies in each.

June 16. 70. Locke to Carleton. The drums for the new levies are expected to beat; though the levy be for voluntaries, they will be assisted if required. The Jesuits make no haste to be gone, though their limited time is over; they trust to the King's grace. Requests notice to be given to Gilbert Houghton, now in Holland, that a lieutenant's place is obtained for him in the new levies, which he will lose if he does not come over.

June 16. Westminster 71. Commission to Sir Fras. Seymour, Sir John St. John, Bart., and other Sheriffs of Wiltshire, to examine, collect, and pay into the Exchequer the debts due to the King for recusancy by certain persons in Wiltshire, according to a schedule annexed.

June 17. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to the Governor, Deputy, &c. of the Eastland Merchants. Admonishes them to forbear the importation of soap ashes. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 139.]

June 17. Greenwich. The Same to Lord Steward Lenox and Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To compound the difference between the Earls of Oxford and Southampton touching precedency. [*Ibid.*]

June 17. 72. Certificate of Hugh Hamersley, Governor of the Muscovy Company, that John Brown, of London, has provided for payment of 290*l.* 13*s.*, assessed on him for the debts of the old Moscovy Company.

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June 17. Greenwich. 73. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chief Justice Ley. The King being petitioned for a pardon for life and goods for John Courtney, found guilty of manslaughter by the coroner's inquest and grand inquest, though indicted for murder, wishes to know if the case lies within the compass of his ordinary grace.

June 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

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June 18. Serjeants' Inn, 1. Lord Chief Justice Ley to Sec. Conway. Thinks that John Courtney's case is within the compass of grace, the coroner's inquest and grand jury having both returned a verdict of manslaughter in a sudden quarrel, without previous malice.

June 18. 2. Examination of Robt. Burton, of Langoll, Yorkshire. Does not attend English church service. Heard no priest nor Jesuit speak of alterations to be made at Parliament time, and blood to be shed before May-day last, by Catholics wearing ribbons in their hats. Only spoke generally of alterations which he heard were likely to take place. Has vestments for a priest to say mass in, and keeps them in the house of Alex. Nicholson, tenant to his son, Nich. Burton.

June 18. Greenwich. 3. Warrant to Earl Marshal Arundel, authorizing him to create and place Augustine Vincent as Windsor Herald, and John Bradshaw as Rouge Croix Pursuivant-at-Arms, for which offices the King has lately granted them patents.

June 18. [Greenwich.] 4. [Sec. Conway] to Sir John Bourchier. Finds that he varies from his first proposition, which was to let his work [the soap manufacture] stand on its own merits, and beat down others by cheapness and goodness. Cannot encourage it, as being too much of a monopoly, if he endeavours to restrain a settled trade by a command from the King, and to engage his Majesty to make good the losses to the merchants. Unless satisfied in these points, will withdraw his directions to the Eastland merchants, and leave them free to continue their trade.

June 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

June 18. [Greenwich.] 5. [The Same] to Sir Wm. Beecher, Clerk of the Council. Returns the minute for raising voluntaries. The Council will direct him in the doubtful points, and the letters are to be hastened, inserting the names of the colonels, that when the officers come into the country, they may be better known and respected. Minute.

June 18. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

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June 19. 6. Locke to Carleton. Letters are to be written to the Lord Lieutenants for levying the 6,000 soldiers for service of the States. The Spanish Ambassador fears to leave without an escort of one of the King's ships, which is refused him. Two rich English ships have arrived from the East Indies.

June 19. London. 7. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Regrets that the Queen of Bohemia's servants are not more favoured in procuring commissions in the army, especially Sir John Manwood, for whom efforts are still making. Mr. Woodford, Lord Carlisle's secretary, has returned from France, but will only say as yet, in general terms, that they are over head and ears in the treaty, and hope to progress.

June 19. London. 8. Chamberlain to the Same. Chancery has lately become a protection for cozening, rather than a relief for the honest. There has been more gold and silver coined the last four months, than for fourteen years previously. The King crossed the Earl of Middlesex's name out with his own hand, from the Commission of subsidy for Middlesex; on which the Earl requested leave to retire to the country, and was then told that he was too hasty, and that his Majesty had not had time to revise his sentence; but he seemed as forward as though he had forgotten that he was sentenced. Buckingham has returned to Court, but has lost his complexion; he takes great delight in his buildings at York House. An Italian says the Spanish Ambassador wanted him to poison Buckingham. Doubts of deceitful dealings about the French match. The list of officers appointed shows great partiality, many fresh men being preferred to experienced soldiers, one of whom in anger cut his throat. Sir John Boroughs is omitted. Ships from the East Indies bring fresh complaints of the tyranny and cruelty of the Hollanders. Marquis Inijosa has lost his only son; he says he must buy a protection from the States' Ambassador, seeing the King refuses it. Sends convivial laws of Ben Jonson, laid down for a chamber in the inn of the Devil and St. Dunstan, by Temple Bar. The Council sat at Guildhall about the subsidy, and dined with the Lord Mayor. The King kept his birthday at Wanstead, and went hunting with the Countess of Buckingham and her daughter Denbigh.

June 19. Dover. 9. Wm. Jones to Lord Zouch. Has found out Thos. Dove, the master of the hooker boat, who, being hired by Arnold, brother of Jacob Brames, carried him, two gentlemen, and two boys to the Downs, to go on board a Dutch vessel, but, it being gone, landed them at Deal. He swears this shall be a warning to him; he thought he should not be questioned, as they were kinsmen of Mr. Brames.

June 19. 10. Certificate of Hugh Hamersley, Governor of the Muscovy Company, that John Ball has paid the sum assessed on him for the Company's debts.

June 19. Charing Cross. 11. Sir Robt. Naunton to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his favour to Mr. Duncan. Recommends Sir Peter Heyman for the command of a company in Ireland, where he has served before, and has estates.

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June 19. 12. Sol. Gen. Heath to Sec. Conway. Wishes an early opportunity of giving the Duke an account of some services which he desires to effect for the King. Sir Ralph Freeman constantly affirms His Majesty's gracious resolution for Wm. Robinson's pardon; hopes, in justification of his own reputation, that it may pass.

June 19. 13. Sir Rich. Bingley to the Same. Has landed the goods of Don Diego de Mexia. The States have written to the Admiral of the Holland ships, that the King wishes the four Dunkirkers to be victualled for a short time, but do not mention munition nor anchors. Asks where to send the Dutch vessel returned to the Lord Admiral. Two East India ships have arrived. The Spanish Ambassador's vessel is waiting him.

June 20. [Wanstead.] 14. [Sec. Conway] to John Coke. The master of the ship appointed to convey the Spanish Ambassador to Calais is to allow Sir Rich. Bingley's lieutenant to command the ship whilst the Ambassador is on board, and, for better safety, to take the King's flag and colours.

June 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

June 20. Austin Friars. 15. John Coke to Sec. Conway. His brother-in-law, the Bp. of Exeter, will recover, at his own charge, a parsonage in his diocese illegally witheld from the church, if he may have the first presentation to it. Asks directions on a letter and articles sent him by the Council of War, which he thinks trench much on the Lord Admiral's office. The ship for the Spanish Ambassadors is in Dover Road; has requested them to hasten away.

June 21. Lambeth. 16. Archbp. Abbot to the Same. Sends the form of a warrant fit for Wm. Warmington, the priest, in order that, having taken the Oath of Allegiance, and by his writings for church and state incurred the displeasure of those in authority in the Church of Rome, he may remain in England under certain restrictions.

June 21. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 17. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Is glad there is some hope of his obtaining his desire if Lord [Zouch] resigns his place to the Duke. It was falsely reported that his Grace's illness would make him unfit for it, and was lessening his favour with the King. Hopes Sir Hen. Mainwaring will not be able to thwart his wishes. Is disappointed in his own hopes of a prebend. Private news.

June ? 18. Lord Chief Justice Ley to [the Council]. John Wetherley was condemned to death at the Middlesex sessions, May 12, 1624, for robbery, but having been a soldier in the Bohemian wars, and this his first offence, he was reprieved till further orders.

June 21. [Wanstead.] 19. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a pardon for John Wetherley, condemned to death for a highway robbery of 50*s.*, he being formerly a soldier, and an able-bodied man fit for employment.

June 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

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June 21. [Wanstead.] 20. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Rich. Hutton. Reminds him of the King's directions about Williams, for whose pardon Mr. Digby is suitor, and requests him, if the case is fit for pardon, to send a certificate so clear as to avoid all further scruple.

June 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 129.]

June 22. 21. Bill of Mr. Mason's man for writing law papers for Lord Zouch, in Trinity Term, 1624. Total, 13*s.* 6*d.*

June 22. 22. Warrant for John Chamberlaine, priest, to abide in any of His Majesty's dominions, notwithstanding the proclamations; given at the instance of the Conte de Tilliers, French Ambassador, in whose house he has long resided.

June 23. Wanstead. Warrant to the Archbp. of Canterbury for Warmington the priest to remain in England. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grants to Thos. Day and Rich. Crick of almsrooms in Christ Church, Oxford. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Wm. Elmar of an almsroom in Peterborough. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to John Philpott, Pursuivant, on surrender of Robt. Treswell, of the office of Somerset Herald. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Warrant for delivery to the Same of a coat of the King's arms. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Thos. Thompson, on surrender of John Philpott, of the office of Rouge Dragon Pursuivant. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Warrant to deliver to the same a coat of the King's arms. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Warrant dormant for payment of moneys to persons appointed by Sir Pat. Murray to store the fish-ponds at Theobalds, and to keep the herons, French fowls, elks, silkworms, partridges, pheasants, &c. there. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Phil. Jacobson, on surrender of Sir Wm. Herrick, of the office of King's Jeweller. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Adrian and Edw. Brooke, on surrender of Arthur and Adrian Brooke, of the office of Serjeant of the Hart Hounds. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Thos. Hill of pardon for robbery. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to John Lambe of pardon for a rape. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Grant to Matt. Francis, on surrender of Thos. Dixon, of the office of Serjeant-at-arms. [*Docquet.*]

June 23. Whitehall. 23. The Council to Lord Zouch. To forward within his jurisdiction the raising of 6,000 voluntary soldiers for the service and assistance of the United Provinces;—the King having concluded a league with them, and permitted these levies to aid in their defence against the

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great and threatening armies that are rising against them, the rather because these provinces are the refuge of his Majesty's only daughter and her family.

June 23. 24. Copy of the above, as addressed to the lieutenants of counties.

[June 23.] 25. Copy of the above.

[June 23.] 26. The Council to the Mayors, Officers, &c. of seaport towns. To permit the volunteers about to be raised by the Earls of Oxford, Southampton, Essex, and Lord Willoughby, to be transported beyond seas, for the service of the States' General.

June 23 ? 27. List of officers in the expedition, headed by the Earls of Southampton, Oxford, Essex, and Lord Willoughby.

June 23 ? 28. List of officers in the separate corps of the Earls of Oxford, Southampton, and Essex.

June 23 ? 29. Memorial of points to be considered relative to the rendezvous and embarkation of the troops for the Low Countries.

June 23. Whitehall. 30. Proceedings in the Council of War. Report by the Lord Chief Justice and other legal authorities, that the clauses in the Subsidy Act grant to the Council the power of defraying from those moneys the charge of arms, coat and conduct money, &c. for the 6,000 soldiers now raising.

June 23. [Greenwich.] 31. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Suffolk. The King earnestly requests him to lend such part of his house near Charing Cross as the Lord Chamberlain chooses, for the entertainment of the Count d'Effiat, coming from France on a very acceptable employment. His train will not exceed 12 persons, and he is hourly expected. Requests a speedy reply.

June 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 130.]

June 24. [Greenwich.] 32. [The Same] to the Earl of Bristol. Hopes soon to send him his interrogatories; meanwhile the King permits him to visit his sick mother, presuming she is either in London or Westminster, but wishes him to do it as privately as possible.

June 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 130.]

June? 33. Request of Sir Wm. Heydon to be appointed Treasurer of the companies to be sent to the Low Countries, as he was formerly of those sent to the Palatinate.

June 24. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to the Council of War. Recommends, from the Prince, Sir Wm. Heydon, as Commissary of the troops to be sent to the Low Countries. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 130.]

June 24. 34. Locke to Carleton. The letters to the Lord Lieutenants are signed and given to the Colonels, who will send them to the several counties, by the officers who make the levies. The soldiers will embark from the most convenient ports.

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June [24]. 35. Lord Brooke to Sec. Conway. Mr. Gordon, His Majesty's agent in Poland, is desirous to resign his place to Brooke's servant, Mr. Vernon. Requests his furtherance therein.

June 24. Court. 36. The Lord [Admiral] to the Commissioners of the Navy. To certify how many ships, well manned and furnished, will be required to clear the southern coasts of England and the coasts of Ireland from pirates, who have of late been so insolent that merchants scarcely dare to sail, whereby the customs are injured, and the King dishonoured.

June 24. Greenwich. 37. Petition of the Bp. of Exeter to the King, that, to enable him to recover the rectory of Exmister, co. Devon, held by laymen on pretence of impropriation, he may have the presentation thereto. With report thereon by the Archbp. of Canterbury, and order granting the petition.

June 24. 38. Statement by Mr. Evelyn of the gunpowder delivered by him into the Tower during the three past months, and of moneys paid or due to him therefor; 2,000*l.* was promised him in advance, for erection of fresh powder-mills.

June 24. Warrant for delivery to Wm. Hopkins, Groom of the Privy Buckhounds, of a yearly livery. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Grant to John Rowland of an almsroom in Chester. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Grant to Ranulph Church, on surrender of Hen. Rous, of the office of Serjeant-at-arms. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Grant to Edw. Buggs, on surrender of John Williams, of the office of Serjeant-at-arms. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Grant to John Gifford, of Boscobell, co. Salop, of safe conduct to go with his wife and four daughters into France, and to stay there seven years, to educate his children, pay his debts, &c., with leave to pass and repass during that time, at pleasure. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Brentwood. 39. [Deputy Lieutenants] of Essex to the Council. Have mustered the trained foot bands, and find them in better condition, both as to the men and arms, than at any previous muster; but the horse are very defective, some of the better classes setting an ill example, in refusing to attend, especially Sir Wm. Smithe, notwithstanding his promise of amendment made to their lordships.

June 25. Greenwich. 40. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. Sec. Conway has procured certain letters requested by the Queen of Bohemia; has postponed till further directions delivering to the Prince her request to admit Sir Art. Sames, son of Sir John Sames, as Gentleman Extraordinary of his Privy Chamber, finding that he is very chary of such appointments, and would be surprised that the Queen should recommend to such a place one whom she never saw. The French yield all that can be reasonably expected in the marriage treaty, except about religion, in which they at first insisted, for appearance's sake, to have all that was granted to Spain, though promising that they would

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not afterwards urge its performance; but fearing lest the King and Prince, who had pledged themselves to Parliament not to hearken to such conditions for any match, might break off the treaty, they sent Lord Kensington over in all haste, to say they would remit many points. Count Tilliers, the Ambassador here, has gone, and Mons. d'Effiat is to succeed him. Before this change, daughters of the Elector of Saxony and Duke of Mecklenburgh were talked of for the Prince. Lord Middlesex remains at Chelsea; the King has not heard his cause, as he promised Lady Middlesex; some say he has sent to the Earl for 20,000*l.*, part of his fine, to pay the expenses of the progress, but he denies it, and professes to think that the worst is past with him. Lady Bristol in vain urges for a hearing for her husband. The Spanish merchants are warned either to forbear trading to Spain, or to take the risk on themselves. The East India Company talk of giving up their trade, on account of the late outrage of the Hollanders. The Prince has prevented Lord Vaux's levies. The States' levies are hindered by disputes about providing arms; the colonels are displeased that almost all their inferior officers are appointed for them, and there is a contest for precedency between the Earls of Oxford and Southampton. The Bp. of Meath preached a sermon at Wanstead, which was much admired, and the King ordered him to print it.

June 25. Greenwich. 41. [Sec. Conway] to the Wardens, &c. of the Stationers' Company. The King being informed that Mr. Camden has made additions to his first part of the Life of Queen Elizabeth, requests that the printing of it, for which he has given licence to Mr. Darcy, a Frenchman, be stayed, till Sir Robt. Cotton has reviewed it, and supplied those additions; and when the second part, which was left by Camden, is reviewed by His Majesty and Sir Robt. Cotton, both are to be joined into one book. Also the King wishes no further copies of the life of his mother to be published till Sir Robt. Cotton has enlarged it, and made it more authentic, from two more ample histories which have come out, one in French and one in English.

June 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 131.]

June 25. [Greenwich.] 42. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw a pardon for John Courtney, his crime appearing to be manslaughter, not murder.

June 25. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 130.]

June 25. Serjeants' Inn. 43. Lord Chief Justice Ley to Sec. Conway. Acknowledges his favour, and begs continuance thereof.

June 26. St. John's. 44. Earl of Exeter to the Same. Requests him to draw a warrant for renewal of his commission of Lieutenancy for Northamptonshire, making Sir Rich. Spencer, eldest son of Lord Spencer, Deputy Lieutenant, and to give it to Buckingham, who promises to despatch it some time when he is with the King.

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June 26. Serjeants' Inn, Fleet Street. 45. Lord Chief Justice Ley to Sec. Conway. Thinks the petition of Jeremy Evers, for the benefit of one condemned prisoner throughout every county in Ireland, unfit to be granted, but that he should have a pension out of the fund for maimed soldiers in Yorkshire, where he was born, till some land can be allotted to him in the intended new plantation in Ireland.

June 26. Greenwich. 46. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. Thinks the Earl of Suffolk's reply about his house is rather a modest excuse than an offer to accommodate the Ambassador; but the King thinks otherwise, and requires the house to be prepared for the Ambassador's reception.

June 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 131.]

June 26. London. 47. Dud. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Wishes he could come over. The places vacant by the Earl of Middlesex's fall are not yet supplied, Buckingham, who is the governor of all preferments, being not well recovered. Sec. Calvert's proposal to resign to Carleton is occasioned not by ill health, but by fear of being displaced; if the Earl of Bristol stands, he will not abandon office. It is so generally rumoured that Carleton is to be recalled, and have office at home, that there are three candidates for his place. Hopes not to see him in the predicament of Sir Hen. Wotton, who has lost his embassy, and gets nothing but fair promises. Private affairs. Has sent the news in another letter.

June 26. London. 48. The Same to [the Same]. The States' Ambassadors have taken their leave. The troops granted to the States are not yet levied, for want of money. The Council of War are borrowing from Burlamachi 22,000*l.*, for fitting them out. The Spanish Ambassador Inijosa has departed, leaving his residence, Exeter House, in a filthy state, and Don Carlos de Colonna follows him. The King has requested that they may not be affronted in their passage by the Hollanders. The treaty in France proceeds rapidly; many conditions at first demanded are waived, and if the dispensation does not come, it will be done without. Count Tilliers is recalled for speaking punctiliously about the match. The King is almost as much in love with France as he was with Spain, and is merry and jocund. Buckingham is at Court, but weak, and his followers blame Inijosa's tales for his illness. But few priests and Jesuits left the kingdom. The Earl of Middlesex has been called upon for 20,000*l.* of his fine, and is to remove further from Court. The King of Spain told Sir Walter Aston that he had done his part to settle his Majesty, but if he was weary of peace, he might take his course; they have sent back the jewels, letters, and engagements. The Dunkirk vessels remain till a reply comes from Brussels to demands for restitution of English goods taken by the Archduchess's subjects at sea. The East India Company complain loudly of the cruelty of the Hollanders, in torture and execution of ten Englishmen, accused of conspiring with the Japanese to surprise the fort of Amboyna. The company say it was plotted in Amsterdam to ruin their trade, and that they must abandon it. This breeds much ill blood.

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June 26. 49. Certificate by Dr. Simon Baskerville, that it is advisable for John Chamberlain to use the waters of the Spa.

June 26. Grant to Dr. Robt. Chambers of the other moiety, the first moiety being already granted to him, of the sum of 1,166*l.* 11*s.* 4¾*d.*, undertaken to be paid by Art. Jarvis, Clerk of the Pipe, who received and detained the same from the King; with grant of his Majesty's interest in 300*l.*, and in a bond for 800*l.*, to be given in part payment thereof. [*Docquet.*]

June 26. Grant by the Commissioners for defective titles to Sir Edw. Boys, sen., on payment of 50*l.* to Robt. Typper, of confirmation of lands in Nonington, Wimblingswell, and Kettington, co. Kent, value 10*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* per ann. [*Docquet.*]

June 26. Warrant to the Justices of Peace, &c. of Sussex, to assist Edm. Barrett to take 40 brace of partridges yearly in the woodlands there, to increase the King's game in the fields about Nonsuch. [*Docquet.*]

June 27. Grant to Sir John Townshend and his sureties, of protection for a year. [*Docquet.*]

June 27. Warrant for a grant to the Earl of Anglesey, of Chippenham, alias Pewsham, and Blackmore alias Melksham forests, co. Wilts, excepting Bowewood Park, on rental of 20 marks; also for a declaration to free any part thereof which may be contained in the Act of annexation. [*Docquet.*]

June 27. 50. Sentence of deprivation, by the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, of Sam. Serle, rector of Thoydon Garnon, Essex. Latin.

June 27. [Greenwich.] 51. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Requests him to mediate in the business between Stamford and Emerson; the debt being due to Sir Wm. Cope, they desire to take up the bond, and give him satisfaction.

June 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 27. 52. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Has drawn Sir John Bennet's pardon, as thought fit by the Lord Keeper, extending only to the Star Chamber sentence, extortion, corruptions, and bribery. Sends the proclamation for royal mines for signature.

June 27. Dover. 53. Mayor of Dover to the Same. Has sent a boat to Calais with his letters for the French Ambassador; they arrived too late for delivery, through the negligence of the posts, not reaching Dover till 10 a.m., June 27, though leaving Greenwich at 10 p.m., June 26.

June 28. Dover. 54. The Same to the Same. The packet for the French Ambassador was safely delivered to Mons. La Tour at Calais, who promises to give it to the Ambassador. Has received letters for the Earl of Carlisle in France, to be sent by Mons. La Tour, but, as he was gone, will detain them till further instructions.

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June 28. Whitehall. 55. Council of War to Sec. Conway. Are continually pressed to give orders for money for levying, clothing, &c. the 6,000 men. As a ground of proceeding therein, desire a copy of the agreement with the States General, and also a signification of the King's pleasure for them to give warrants for issuing of money for the troops.

June 28. Greenwich. 56. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a grant to the Bp. of Exeter of the rectory of Exminster, co. Devon, which has long been in the hands of laymen, but which he offers to bring back to the church.

June 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 28. Greenwich. 57. [The Same] to the Same. To prepare a bill for renewal to Buckingham and Lord Carew of the patent for making saltpetre.

June 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 28. [Greenwich.] 58. [The Same] to the Same. To prepare a bill confirming to Mr. Flathers the parsonage of Hemsworth, Yorkshire, and to induce him to give a reasonable consideration to Mr. Carr, who is a claimant for it.

June 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 28. [Greenwich.] 59. [The Same] to the Recorder of London. The King thinks that he was present at the charge given to the Judges concerning priests and recusants, and that he will not therefore execute a priest, though condemned, without knowing his pleasure. He hears that some were condemned last sessions, but charges him, on his allegiance, to stay the execution.

June 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 28. 60. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to the Same. Has stayed the execution of a priest, the King having desired that no priests be executed until his pleasure be known. Hears of no other priest that has been taken.

June 28. Buckingham. 61. Lord Chief Justice Ley and Sir John Dodderidge to the Council. Recommend 20 prisoners, convicted of small felonies and misdemeanors at the assizes for Buckinghamshire, as fit men to serve in the wars beyond seas. Have reprieved them till further orders.

[June 28.] 62. Petition of Thos. Harrison and Jas. Sinclair, prisoners in the King's Bench, to Council, for relief from the vexatious proceedings adopted against them by Geo. Bland, in revenge of their complaints about his opprobrious speeches against sovereign princes.

June 28. Discharge to the dean, sub-dean, chaplains, gentlemen of the chapel, confessor, and officers of the vestry, of all payments of the four subsidies granted by the clergy, and of the three granted by the temporalty. [*Docquet.*]

June 28. Discharge to the Yeomen of the Guard, Yeomen Waiters in the Tower, and Messengers and Grooms of the Chamber, of payment of the three subsidies granted by the temporalty. [*Docquet.*]

June 29. Lease to Thos. Middleton, sen., for three lives, of the disparked parks of Bewbush and Shelley, co. Sussex, on rental of 113*l.* [*Docquet.*]

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June 29. Grant to Wm. Beeston of the outlawry of Sir Edw. Raleigh, and of the extent of certain of his lands in Farnborough, co. Warwick, till he is satisfied of his just debt, with costs. [*Docquet.*]

June 29. Grant to the East India Company of all goods taken by them in Asia or Africa, except the Mediterranean and Atlantic seas, with pardon to all who have committed hostilities in those parts before April 30 last. [*Docquet.*]

June 29. Grant to Edw. Bathoe, of Chester, of pardon for felony. [*Docquet.*]

June 29. Presentation of Lawrence Burnell, Chaplain in Ordinary, to the rectory of Topesfield, diocese of London, void by promotion of the late incumbent to the bishopric of Carlisle. [*Docquet.*]

June 29. Westminster Proclamation of letters patent, made by order of Parliament, for a general collection throughout the kingdom for relief of 1,500 English captives in Algiers, Tunis, Sally, and Tituane, who petitioned Parliament to pity their miserable sufferings, by severe captivity and torture, inflicted to induce them to become Mohammedans; whereon each peer gave 40*s.*, each member of lower rank 20*s.*, and the Houses commended the cause to the charity of the people. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 120 *A.*]

June 29 ? 63. Answer of Sir Randall Cranfield, Master Worker of the Mint, to the Council, concerning their propositions to him. His office is not worth more than 400*l.* or 500*l.* a year; has behaved himself well therein, paid the wages well, and coined good money; his gains have not been excessive as reported; is willing to resign his present patent for an allowance of 400*l.* or 500*l.* per ann.

June 29. 64. Locke to Carleton. The King has pardoned a priest condemned at Newgate. The French Ambassador departed in great haste. Satisfaction is to be demanded from the Archduchess for wrongs done by her subjects to the English. The Spanish Ambassador has taken away with him, as servants, five or six gentlemen's sons; they were stayed at Dover by a warrant to the Lord Warden. The patent for the Master of the Mint is likely to be taken from Sir Randall Cranfield, and restored to Sir Edw. Villiers. The profits of the Mint have of late been extraordinary.

June 29. 65. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Reversions of places in the Custom House have always been given by the King, but with the consent of the Treasurer, or during a vacancy, of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Will gladly give his interest to Mr. Fielding, at request of the Duke, but wishes, for the preservation of the rights of his office, that the warrant may signify that it is passed withhis approbation. Will treat with Hugh May, who is wished by his Majesty to have a receiver's place.

June 29. [Greenwich.] 66. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Bird [Dean of the Arches]. Robt. Fletcher, on some difference with his wife, was bound over in 1,000*l.* to use her well; she has had his bond granted her, but as the fear of its being pressed upon him would have kept him in thraldom and subjection to her, "contrary to the rules of Christianity, nature,

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and civility," stayed the grant, and mediated a reconciliation. They soon quarrelling again, another agreement was made; begs his authority that it may be kept.

June 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 29. Greenwich. The Same to the Justices of Assize for Lancaster. Recommends a cause between Michael Cole and Widow Halsall, in which some orphans are deeply engaged. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

June ? 67, 68. Statement by Mr. Lassells, that, three years before, he told Lord Digby at Brussels, that Spain did not really intend the match with the Prince, unless the King would grant freedom of conscience to English Catholics, recall his subjects from helping Holland, and restore the banished Irish; that the Palatinate was engaged to the Duke of Bavaria, for the expenses of the war, and would not be restored unless the King would pay those expenses; that Spain had promised an army of 1,200 men to go in the Pope's name to Ireland, and redeem it for the King of Spain, &c. Two copies.

June ? 69. Principal grounds on which the charge to be laid against the Earl of Bristol will be founded.

June 30. Greenwich. The Same to the Earl of Bristol. Sends the questions to which he is to reply. [*Ibid.*] *Incloses,*

70. I. *Interrogatories* [*to be put to the Earl of Bristol*] *on his conduct relative to the Palatinate, the Spanish match, indulgence to Catholics in England, endeavours to pervert the Prince to the Romish faith, &c.*

[June 30.] 71. Draft of the above queries.

June 30. Greenwich. Sec. Conway to the Master and Wardens of the Stationers' company. Takes off a former restraint for printing the history of Queen Elizabeth's life, translated from French into English. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June 30. [Greenwich.] 72. [The Same] to Lord Chief Justice Ley. Will obey all his wishes, and hopes for an occasion of serving him.

June 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 132.]

June. 73. John Tendring to Sir Robt. Naunton. Reports information received that great store of powder and ammunition is kept by John Winter and other Papists, in Ragland Castle, Monmouthshire. If they may not have toleration, they are preparing a rebellion.

June. 74. Sir Albert Morton to Wm. Chesterman. Francesco Manucci hopes to enter the service of [Sec. Conway], and is gone to Lord Wotton to obtain his recommendation.

June. 75. Sir Rich. Grobham to John Davenant, Bp. of Salisbury. Signifies his presentation of Thos. Ailesbury to the rectory of Berwick St. Leonard, void by decease of Wm. Poulton. Latin.

June ? 76. Petition of Simon Leeke to the King, for a company in the forces destined for the United Provinces, having served honourably in the Low Countries, under the King of Denmark, &c.

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June ? 77. Petition of Nich. Burton, late Lieutenant Governor of Pendennis Fort, Cornwall, to be appointed to the command of a company for Ireland, or the Low Countries, being deprived of his former office, and not having received the recompence promised for it, and for 700*l.* of his own money, which he spent on the fortifications.

June ? 78. Propositions made to the Council by Sir Arch. Douglas and Capt. Saltonstall, appointed conductors of the recruits from London and Harwich, relative to the arming and victualling of the ships, and their own preferment.

June ? 79. Warrant to the Officers of the Exchequer to discharge the Merchant Strangers of the Low Countries, subjects of the House of Burgundy, residing for merchandise in London, from all assessments for the subsidies granted by Parliament, as long as similar taxations are not exacted from English merchants in the Low Countries.

June. 80. Note of charges for attendance upon the Commissioners for Trade, during 15 months, for writings, despatch of messengers, fuel, stationery, &c.; total, 112*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

June ? 81, 82. Books of Receipts and Disbursements by Edw. Nicholas for Lord and Lady [Zouch], from Trinity Term, 1623, to Trinity Term, 1624. Two documents.

June ? 83. Memorandum of Disbursements [by Edw. Nicholas] for Lady [Zouch], principally in her action against Sam. Aylmer, of Norfolk.

June ? 84. Memorandum [by the Same] of certain quantities of beer provided.

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July 1. 1. Dr. Isaac Bargrave to Sec. Conway. Recommends Wm. Hutchinson, one of His Majesty's chaplains, who attracted the King's notice "as an excellent actor in Cambridge," and who is now a sober and diligent divine, to be a canon residentiary in Exeter.

July 1. Thursday. Canterbury. 2. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to the Same. The Marquis d'Effiat has arrived, will be at Gravesend to-morrow, and will go for London on Saturday at 7 a.m., as the tide will then serve him to shoot the bridge, and go by water to Suffolk House. This will be more convenient than landing at Tower Wharf, since the noblemen who usually send carriages on such occasions are out of town.

July 1. Oatlands. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Oxford. To receive Mr. Brown as Lieutenant, in the room of Mr. Brett. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 133.]

July 2. Oatlands. 3. The King to Sol. Gen. Heath. Authorizes him to complete, with assistance of Sec. Conway and Sir Rich. Weston, the contracts begun with Thos. Russell, for employment of his invention and

skill in working the mines royal of England, Ireland, and Wales, and with Sir Hugh Middleton and Sir Bevis Thelwall, for working the mines royal in Cardiganshire, with assistance of Russell's invention.

July 2. Oatlands. 4. The King to Sol. Gen. Heath. To draw a commission for Sir Hugh Middleton and Sir Bevis Thelwall, to take and employ such miners as they find needful, for digging for ore in the Cardiganshire mines, according to the plan invented by Thos. Russell, giving them reasonable wages, and also to procure such carriages as are necessary to convey the ore to the furnaces.

July 2. Oatlands. 5. The Same to the Same. The Commons have petitioned against the import of foreign tobacco, and the planters of Virginia have implored consideration for their languishing colony, which can only subsist at present by its tobacco. Though sure that the colony cannot prosper, if it relies only on this, and neglects other things, yet requests him, with advice of Sec. Conway and Sir Rich. Weston, to draw up a contract with the Virginia planters for import of all their tobacco, on which he will declare his pleasure concerning that of other countries.

July ? 6. Statement [by Sol. Gen. Heath], that the House of Commons having petitioned against the importation of foreign tobacco, except from his own dominions, the King is willing to grant the sole import thereof to the Governor and Company of Virginia and the Bermudas, under certain specified conditions. Indorsed with memoranda relative to the sale of soap.

July ? 7. Request [to Council] that as the King is concluding a contract with certain parties for sole importation of all the tobacco grown in Virginia and the English colonies, orders may be issued to the Governor of Virginia not to permit the sale of any tobacco to the Hollanders, who are now freighting ships for that trade.

July 2. Chester. 8. Order of the Common Council at Chester, that Wm. Edwards, who has fully served his apprenticeship, shall, within three weeks, be admitted to the freedom of the Company of Merchants, without further delay on their part, unless they produce sufficient reasons for their refusal to admit him.

July 2. Westminster. Warrant to the Company of Apothecaries of London to proceed in the due execution of their charter, separating them from the Grocers' Company, notwithstanding the proceedings in the House of Commons last Session, complaining of it as a grievance. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 6.]

July 2. 9. Copy of the above.

July 2. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Holt and Wm. Gwynn, of London, assignees of Sir Geo. More, and in consideration of his long and faithful services, of a lease of the Unicorn Inn, Southwark, and other lands in cos. Surrey, Sussex, Berks, Hants, Monmouth, Kent, Bucks, and York, value 79*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 7.]

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July 2. London. 10. Dud. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Will urge Sec. Conway to obtain the King's leave for Carleton to return. The Master of the Savoy will be willing to lodge him. The drums are beating for the new levies, and several serjeants are imprisoned for proclaiming the service to be for the States against the King of Spain and the Archduchess. Private affairs.

July 2. Oatlands. Sec. Conway to the Colonels of the Troops. Reminds them of the care needful for provisions for the soldiers on their landing, the small supply of victuals already made, and the inconvenience of being supplied by the States. Moneys are therefore to be made over by Mr. Burlamachi, and a Deputy Paymaster sent. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 133.]

July 3. Oatlands. The Same to the Council of War. Shows the necessity of Sir Wm. Heydon's appointing a certain deputy paymaster approved by them, that he may receive instructions from, and give security to their Lordships, who are the judges of the absence and deficiency of officers. [*Ibid.*]

July 3? 11. Sir Wm. Heydon to Sec. Conway. Complains of the conduct of Mr. Beare, recommended to him by Conway to act as his deputy in his expected office [of Paymaster of the Troops], in trying to supplant him in it, or to procure such a commission as would leave him (Beare) the entire profit and management of the place. Is warned from the Low Countries, where Beare has served, not to accept him without good security, which he cannot give. Begs Conway's influence with the Council of War, to excuse his non-appointment of him.

July 3? 12. Request, by Sir Wm. Heydon, that as he has the responsibility of his place, he may be permitted to have the nomination and control of his deputies, on promise of quitting the place, if his service be defective, or, in case of corruption, paying for it by his sureties, and his own head.

July 3. [Windsor.] 13. [Sec. Conway] to the Justices of Peace for Surrey. Is charged by the King to instruct them to deal according to law with Taddy Farnwall, of Bagshot, charged with killing a hind calf, keeping greyhounds, shooting with guns, &c., and to be careful to inflict condign punishment for offences of that kind.

July 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 133.]

July 3. London. 14. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. The Council of War, being accountable to Parliament, are frugal in their allowances to the Colonels for clothing and arming their men, and only give the Captains 3*l.* 10*s.* for 75 men. The drummers are beating up recruits for service of the States, but are forbidden to name the King of Spain and the Archduchess as the enemies, because, on their being named, in some instances the common people expressed their joy by flinging up their caps, &c. Troops are to be sent to Ireland, and two ships are to ride there, two in the west country, one in the Downs, and

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1624. one to go to Spain, to fetch home the jewels left by the Prince, which are delivered to Sir Walter Aston. The Marquis d'Effiat has arrived, was brought from Gravesend by the Earl of Warwick, is lodged in Suffolk House, and has 40*l.* per day for provisions. Our Ambassadors in France have limited the time of procuring the dispensation for the match to three months, which is not objected to. The delays in Spain proceeded from themselves, not from the Pope. Lady Bristol is still at Greenwich, urging the trial of her lord, whose charge is now sent to him; he is not converted from Spain, and says the King has committed the greatest error that ever he did by breaking off the match. Sir [Randall] Cranfield's place in the Mint is questioned; Sir Edw. Villiers held the place, but exchanged it for his patent for gold and silver thread. Lord Zouch, the Lord President, Sir Robt. Naunton, Sir Edw. Leech, who has offered 7,000*l.*, and Sir Benj. Rudyard, are candidates for the Mastership of the Wards. A Commission of Privy Councillors and others is appointed to advise on a new patent for the Virginia Company, the old one being revoked; they are now to be a company for trade, but the government of the country to be in the hands of the Commissioners and the Council, the popular nature of the government having displeased the King; 100 soldiers are to be sent over to protect the inhabitants from the Indians. The reprieve of a condemned Jesuit will encourage his fellows to stay here, in spite of the proclamation.

July 3. London. 15. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Inijosa and Maestro have gone in a merchant ship to Calais. The Prince's letter to the Infanta is returned unopened, and our merchants are cautioned against trading to Spain, though the edict against our woollen commodities is dispensed with. The drums beat for volunteers, under the Earl of Oxford, to serve the States against the King of Spain and Archduchess, but the next day the style was altered to serving the States in their wars. Great efforts are made to rate the subsidies high. The Lord Keeper said, that for any man to disguise his wealth was to sin against the Holy Ghost, like Ananias and Sapphira; yet the general decay will cause the rates to be less than before. Money will come in from writs issued for the arrears of recusants. The French match goes on fairly, liberty of religion being only demanded for the lady and her suite. The French Lieger [Conte de Tilliers], left suddenly, being too jesuited for this match, and Marquis d'Effiat has landed. The King has the gout, but went to Oatlands, and thence to Windsor. The Lord Chief Justice delayed going his circuit, in hopes of the Treasurership. Sir Robt. Naunton offers largely for the Mastership of the Wards. Pity that such places should be given to the highest bidder; the Earl of Middlesex is sent to his house in Sussex, and his fine demanded; his brother, Sir Randall Cranfield, is dismissed from the Mastership of the Mint. Dallington, the Prince's servant, is to be Master of Sutton's Hospital, in place of —— Beaumont, deceased.

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July 3. Norwich. 16. Bp. of Norwich to Lord Pres. Mandeville, Sir John Suckling, and Sir Julius Cæsar. Rich. Cook and Edm. Meek refuse to be bound to appear before them, to answer for their contempt in digging for and exporting [fullers'] earth contrary to orders. The Earl Marshal and Lord Abergavenny have obeyed orders and ceased to dig for it in their lands.

July 3. Brooke House. 17. Lord Brooke to Sec. Conway. Sir Ant. Pell having already obtained an additional allowance of 300*l.* a year as Master Falconer, dares not increase it without further directions from his Majesty. Asks whether 20 falconers, with as many cast of hawks, will not suffice the King for heron, river, partridge, and crow; if so, 1,000*l.* a year will be a competent maintenance, or 1,200*l.* if 24 falconers are needed, being 50*l.* a year each. Suggests, that, as Sir Anthony bought his place dear, he should have 200*l.* a year fee, but that the grant should not pass the Great Seal, and only be continued during pleasure, as the King cautioned his officers not to burden the Crown with new charges. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Statement of allowances granted to the Master Falconer's place, while Sir Thos. Monson enjoyed it; total,* 1,172*l.* 10*s. a year in money, with sundry perquisites, as coals, wine, plate, liveries, &c. With note, that Sir Thomas claimed no extraordinaries, nor received any reward but the making of three knights.*

July 3. Dorchester. 18. Justice Sir Rich. Hutton to the Same. John Williams, being in drink, struck the constable of Dorchester with his dagger, and coming to the inn, suddenly stabbed and killed with it Keate, a servant, and his friend. The grand jury found him guilty of manslaughter, but the statute against stabbing deprives him of the benefit of his clergy. He is not yet apprehended, but is a fit person for the King's mercy.

July 4. The Office. 19. Thos. Lanning to Nicholas. Has delivered to Lady Hastings the commission, &c. which was to be delivered to Sir Geo. Hastings. Visct. Mandeville's examinations have been taken. He says, that Lady Hastings had a deed for her jointure. Indorsed [by Nicholas], "Mr. Thos. Lanning to me, concerning the business against Aylmer."

July 4. Westminster. Warrant for an allowance of 376*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, to be made to the farmers of the customs out of their rent of 160,000*l.*, for small wares, beer, and iron shot, shipped custom free, during the year 1623. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 8.]

July 5. Westminster. Grant to Sir John Leigh of demise of the manor of Lodge, and other lands and tenements, in Surrey, so long as they remain in the King's hands for the recusancy of Barth. Fromondes, alias Furmans, of Cheyham, Surrey, who retains his third part in East and West Cheyham and Mitcham. [*Ibid., No.* 9.]

July 5. Windsor. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To grant a patent for a collection in some counties for Melvin and others. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 134.]

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July 5. [Windsor.] 20. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Edw. Villiers, Warden of the Mint The soreness of the King's hand disabling him from signing papers, he is to appoint a graver to make a stamp of his Majesty's signature. When the King's seal is made, the workman is locked up alone and searched, that he may have no wax with him, &c. Similar, and even greater care, must be used about the stamp, as being more subject to abuse.

July 5. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Book, p.* 134.]

July 5. Windsor. The Same to Sir Rich. Bingley. Directions for putting the anchors and munitions on board the Dunkirk vessels. Sends a letter to the Dutch Admiral, and mentions another to be conveyed to him by the Spanish Ambassador, with directions how to observe it. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

July 5. Windsor. The Same to the Council of War. Sends the contract with Burlamachi for the rate of exchange. Shows the necessity of making over moneys, and settling a deputy paymaster on the other side. Reminds them to perfect the ordinances for Ireland, and present them to the King before the progress. [*Ibid.*]

July 5. Windsor. The Same to the Colonels of the Troops. Complains of the form of their proclamations for raising the voluntaries; they are to send one of the forms to the King. [*Ibid.*]

July 6. Exeter House. 21. Earl of Oxford to Sec. Conway. His proclamation for raising the voluntaries contained nothing offensive, as the Infanta's Ambassador pretends. If any such thing was proclaimed, it was by mistake, and was suppressed in the birth. *Incloses,*

21. 1. *Proclamation, ordering those who wish to serve the States General, under the Earl of Oxford as Colonel, to repair to Capt. Signolphue Bell, at his lodgings in the Strand.*

July 6. London. 22. Earl of Southampton to the Same. Sends, as commanded by the King, the form ordered to be used by his officers in raising men, and is sure that none of them have added anything to it. *Incloses,*

22. 1. *Proclamation for those who wish to serve in the Low Countries to repair to ———— for entertainment.*

July 6. Windsor. Sec. Conway to Sir Edw. Conway, jun., and Capt. Thomas. Advice how to remedy certain inconveniences and necessities in their regiment. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Book, p.* 135.]

July 6. Windsor. The Same to Sec. Calvert. To assemble the Frankenthal Commissioners, and advise the King what is best to be done in re-demanding and receiving that town, and to say when the time of depositation expires. [*Ibid., p.* 134.]

July 6. Downs' Road. 23. G. Zoete de Houthain to Buckingham. Is informed, that the Admiral of the Spanish ships and other officers, having been put ashore during a gale, sailed from Dover to Calais in the ship

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provided for the Spanish Ambassador. If this is done with the King's consent, it will be much disliked in Holland; if not, desires a tacit permission to attack them, when out of the reach of his Majesty's castles. French.

July 6. 24. Note of the contributions to the King, received by Dr. Farmery from the clergy of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, total, 541*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; and of the benevolence to the Bishop, total, 140*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; with the proportions paid over to Wm. Boswell.

July 6. Whitehall. 25. Warrant by the Council of War to the Treasurers for the subsidies, to pay to Philip Burlamachi 17,280*l.*, 9,000*l.* of which is to employed in clothing 75 out of every 100 of the 6,000 men raised to serve in aid of the States, and 8,280*l.* for their arms, in the proportion of 72 in the 100.

July 6. Westminster. Grant to Rich. Zinzan, alias Alexander, in reversion after And. Zinzan, alias Alexander, of an annuity of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and a yearly livery, for riding the King's great horses. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 10.]

July 6. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Lord Say and Sele of the dignity of Visct. Say and Sele. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 11.]

July 6. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Shaw, the King's servant, of 2,000*l.*, with charges, out of the first moneys to be raised by composition for sums formerly paid by the Sheriffs of Suffolk to Sir Nich. Bacon, to which he pretended a right, as owner of the liberties of Bury St. Edmunds, but which ought to have been paid to the Crown. [*Ibid., No.* 12.]

July 7. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Sir Jas. Fullerton and Jas. Maxwell the manor and borough of Wellington, co. Somerset, and other manors, &c., cos. Huntingdon, Leicester, Notts, Northampton, Pembroke, Suffolk, Essex, and Hertford, in part of the grant of lands, value 300*l.* per ann., to be passed at suit of Jane Murray and her son, notwithstanding their being contained in the indenture of annexation to the Crown, and the required certificate from Council being absent. [*Ibid., No.* 13.]

July 7. Westminster. Grant to Sir Jas. Fullerton and Jas. Maxwell, of the manor of Wellington, co. Somerset, and other lands in cos. Huntingdon, Leicester, Notts, Pembroke, York, Northampton, Suffolk, Essex, and Herts, on rental of 299*l.* 19*s.* 5¼*d.*, and six ounces of pepper, their clear value, in full satisfaction of a grant of lands, value 300*l.*, made in consideration of services to the Prince, to the late Thos. Murray, and of surrender by his wife and son of a pension of 500*l.*, for life. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 14.]

July 7. [Windsor.] 26. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Brooke. The French Ambassador and the Household business have taken up all the time the King can spare from hunting. Sends a letter, signed, concerning buildings, [and a narration of affairs from Constantinople]. The French seek

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not to encourage factions among us, but really desire the match, and the grounds of it are well laid. Damaged.

July 7. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

July 7. Maidstone. 27. Ralph Whitfield to Lord Zouch. Sir Thos. Pelham wishes his cause with his Lordship to be tried on the first day of the next term.

July 7. Maidstone. 28. The Same to Rich. Marsh. To the same effect. With note [by Marsh], that Mr. Scarlett, Sir Thos. Pelham's Attorney, did not know that the trial was coming on.

July 7. St. Martin's Lane. 29. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Sends the names of the surviving Commissioners employed in the Frankenthal treaty. Will attend any meeting of them appointed. The term of the surrender, which was for 18 months, expires on October 14 next.

July 7. London. 30. Philip Burlamachi to the Same. Wishes a conclusion of the artillery business; thinks the export of it should not be considered an offence, as it is done by other nations, and reserve only deprives the English of the benefit of the manufacture. If others can offer more for the export than he, begs that they may have it, but thinks they are only dogs in the manger, and, if so, wishes the business not to be retarded, as delay is very injurious to Frankenthal, and to the King's reputation. French.

July 8. 31. Sir Rich. Bingley to the Same. The anchors sent from Dover for the Dunkirkers had well nigh been seized by the Hollanders. As to the munition which the King desires them to have, Lambert must either be told of it, or it must be sent privately as victuals. He displayed the Burgundian flag, formerly taken from a Dunkirker, and was with difficulty persuaded to take it in. Wishes the loan of the Lord Admiral's pink, for clearing those parts of pilfering pirates.

July 8. Wanstead. 32. The King to Sir Edw. Villiers and Sir Wm. Parkhurst, Wardens of the Mint. To cause a stamp to be engraved with James R., not being able, by indisposition of his hand, to despatch matters requiring his signature; the expense thereof is to be allowed on their accounts.

July 8. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Vyner, Goldsmith, in reversion after Rich. Rogers, both of London, of the office of Comptroller of the Mint, John Milward, a former reversioner being dead, and Gabriel Barbor surrending his reversion. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 15.]

July 8 ? Oxford. 33. Questions in Theology, Civil Law, and Philosophy, to be discussed in the University of Oxford, July 8 and 10. Printed.

July 9. Council Chamber. 34. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. The former Commissioners for the surrender of Frankenthal agree that the King should claim the delivery of the town, according to treaty, and place in it 1,500 foot and 200 horse, the Infanta being pledged to give them passage.

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July 10. Wanstead. Proclamation of the King's pleasure to lease the royal mines, except those in Cardiganshire, for 21 years, on payment, after two years, of one tenth of the profits to the Crown, and on condition of the effectual prosecution of the work. The owners of the land are to have the preference in taking the leases. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 121.]

July 10. Wanstead. Proclamation, that for avoiding the consumption of coin and bullion, the patent of the gold wire-drawers is revoked, and the manufacture of gold and silver thread, gold and silver foliat, purles, oes, spangles, &c., forbidden throughout the kingdom. No gold or silver is to be sold except to the Mint, or for making of plate. Printed. [*Ibid., No.* 122.]

July 10. Letter to Lord Chamb. Pembroke, the Earl of Northampton, Lord Grey, and others, to divide King's Sedgmoor, and assign it to the several manors and lordships adjoining. [*Docquet.*]

July 10. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Lumsden, Master of the Game in Galtres Forest, co. York, of all fines, amerciaments for trespasses, waifs, strays, felons' goods, &c., arising out of the forest, he paying 40*s.* therefor, whereas hitherto the King has paid 40*s.* a year for their collecting, and received no benefit. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 16.]

July 10. London. 35. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. The French Ambassador has had audience, and the King was pleasant with him; but the whole business is kept very close. The Earl of Bristol's accusations were sent to him unsigned, so he returned them, and they were sent back signed by Sec. Conway; he has made his answer in writing, and wishes to bring, not to send, it to the King, but cannot obtain leave. The Earl of Middlesex reports that he has received kind messages from his Majesty, and that his fine is to be remitted, but this is not believed. The settlement of the dispute for precedence between the Earls of Oxford and Southampton is referred from the Council of War to the Earl Marshal. It is at last resolved to send 4,000 troops to Ireland. There has been a dispute about the Mastership of Sutton's Hospital, the bishops wishing for one of their profession, according to the statutes, but the Prince carried it for his servant, Mr. Dallington. Sir Hen. Wotton cannot obtain Eton, unless somebody will agree with him for his reversion of the Mastership of the Rolls. Sir Edw. Herbert stays at Boulogne, because he could not agree with the skipper for hire of a barque.

July 11? 36. Earl of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Hoped the difference between himself and the Earl of Oxford would have been settled by the Council of War, but Oxford has gone to Court. Wishes it may be settled this week before the King and Prince leave, or they must scratch for it.

July 11. Augustine Friars. 37. John Coke to the Same. Sends for signature a warrant required by the Council of War, previous to their repayment of moneys disbursed by Buckingham for preparation of the fleet, stating that the ships are intended for defence of the realm.

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July 11. Audley End. 38. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Requests to be again put in possession of his house, the time, ten days, being now expired, for which he agreed to lend it to the French Ambassador. Is old, and vexed with a sore leg, and is much inconvenienced, as well as his family, for want of the house.

July 11. London. 39. Sir Henry Marten to the Same. Smith and Long were condemned to die for piracy in the Thames. Thinks it a matter of consequence not to suffer the King's port to be thus infested.

July 11. Dover. 40. Certificate of the Commissioners of Passage at Dover, attesting the embarkation for Calais by licence from Council, of Hen. Isham, priest, late prisoner in the King's Bench.

July 11. Westminster. Warrant to advance 50*l.* to Lord Stanhope, Postmaster General, for extra posts during the King's progress in the north. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 17.]

July 11. 41. Locke to Carleton. Rumours of the landing of foreign forces in Ireland, and of risings there. The East India Company are distressed at the torturing of their servants by the Dutch, and threaten to give up their trade, without some satisfaction. The French Ambassador was feasted by the King and Duke. A poor man is in trouble for printing a book called "Votiva Anglia;" the Commission Court were about to liberate him, when the King ordered him to be remanded, and to pay 1,000*l.* fine, as he was said to have gained 1,000*l.* by the book.

July 11. Wanstead. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a grant for encouragement of clothing, in the barony of Langley, in the north. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

July 11. Wanstead. The Same to the Deputy and Company of English Merchants at Hamburgh. Advises them to act with justice in their proceedings against a factor there. [*Ibid.*]

July 11 ? 42, 43. Interrogatories administered to the Earl of Bristol by command of the King; with the Earl's answers, detailing very fully the whole course of his proceedings in Spain relative to the Spanish match, &c. Two copies.

July 11 ? 44. Copy of the concluding sentence of the above.

July 11 ? 45. Copy of the above interrogatories and replies. Imperfect.

July 11 ? 46. Abstract of the above replies of the Earl of Bristol.

July 11. Wanstead. 47. Sec. Conway to Bristol. The King will dispose of his answers, according to goodness and equity. Regrets the interruption to his (Conway's) mediation, but still hopes to continue it, unless just offences stop the way. [Buckingham] will not seek faults in the Earl's answer, but pass by all that he can with honour and duty.

July 11. 48. Draft of the above.

July 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

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July 11? 49. [Buckingham] to Bristol. Did not speak of his own fidelity to the King and Prince to provoke comparisons. If the Earl prefers a trial to mediation, will offer no impediment. Answered his letters from Spain according to his Majesty's construction thereof; if his expositions will change their construction, and takeaway the offence, they may be offered. Doubts not his trial will be just. Has no personal exceptions against him. [*Draft by Sec. Conway.*]

July 12. Wanstead. 50. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. The Earl of Bristol has sent answers to the 20 questions; his lady came to Wanstead, but could not gain access. The East India merchants complain grievously against the Hollanders, and if satisfaction be not given by Aug. 12, the King will take his own satisfaction. His Majesty praised Buckingham's management of the Navy affairs. Damaged.

July 12. 51. Warrant to Att. Gen. Coventry, to prepare a pardon to John Williams, for manslaughter of [John] Keate, notwithstanding any statutes to the contrary, the stabbing being in sudden anger. Minute.

July 12. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

July 12. London. 52. Jas. Maxwell to Sec. Conway. To remind the King of his promise to give the bearer, his cousin, whose property is in Ireland, a Captain's place there.

July 12. Charing Cross. 53. Chas. Lord Stanhope to [the Same]. The officers, constables, &c. of Newcastle refuse to assist Geo. Swan, His Majesty's post, in taking up horses on warrant, and even forcibly resist him. Requests that some of the offenders may be sent for.

July 12. 54. Statement presented to Sec. Conway by Sir John Bourchier, of Sir Art. Ingram's delinquencies in the alum contract; that he failed in making the required quantities, never laid out on the works the 10,000*l.* granted him for them, and in his several changes of contract, always defrauded the King; also that he employs workmen at very low wages, and pays them badly.

July? 55. Recital of the terms of the patents for manufacture of alum granted to Sir Art. Ingram, and others, Feb. 2, 1615, and renewed Jan. 7, 1617, and of the points in which Ingram has failed to keep the covenants of his patent. Indorsed, "Sir Art. Ingram and Sir John Bourcher, concerninge allome business."

July 12. Westminster. Grant to Sir Thos. Bennet, Alderman, and John Banks, of London, of the manor, prebend, and rectory of Salton, co. York, which Lord Eure agreed to sell to Bennet, for payment of his father's debts, but lest the same should be encumbered by Lord Eure's recusancy, the King permitted it to be transferred to himself, and now re-grants it. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 18.]

July 12. Westminster. Presentation of Valentine Carey, Bp. of Exeter, to the rectory of Exminster, diocese of Exeter. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 19.]

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July 12. Westminster. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Annandale 1,100*l.*, for the King's special affairs. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 20.]

July 12. Westminster. Grant to Edw. Barnes and John Hull, his surety, of renewal of protection for a year, he having paid 15,500*l.* of his debts of 16,000*l.*, and being unexpectedly called on to pay 2,000*l.*, for which he was surety. [*Ibid., No.* 21.]

July 12. Westminster. Presentation of Sam. Bugges, on resignation of Wm. Hinton, to the perpetual vicarage of St. Michael's Church, Coventry. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 22.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, July* 13.]

July 12. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, 1,500*l.*, for discharge of arrears due from that office to the Gentleman Ushers, and others, up to Michaelmas last, the 24,000*l.* a year allowed for its expenses not sufficing therefor. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 23.]

July 12. Westminster. Warrant for discharge of all the King's musicians, trumpeters, and drummers, from payment of the subsidies granted by last Parliament. [*Ibid., No.* 24.]

July. Docquet of the same. [*Docquet, July* 13.]

July 12. Westminster. Commission of Lieutenancy to the Earls of Arundel and Surrey, Nottingham and Dorset, for the county of Sussex; Sir Hen. Compton, Sir Thos. Bishop, Bart., Sir Walter Covert, Sir John Shirley, and Sir Thos. Parker, to be Deputy Lieutenants. Renewed because the Earl of Dorset takes the place of his late brother, and Compton and Parker are added to the former Deputy Lieutenants. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 25.]

July 12. Westminster. Grant to Grace Sommerville, alias Harrison, wife of Edw. Harrison, of pardon, for adultery. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, July* 13.]

July 12. Westminster. Grant to John Courtney, of Lincoln's Inn, of pardon for manslaughter. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 27.]

July. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, July* 13.]

July 13. Westminster. Grant to Sir Edw. Villiers of an annuity of 1,000*l.*, 500*l.* from the Court of Wards, and 500*l.* from the Mint, on his surrender of a grant of the sums to be paid to the Crown by the Company of Gold Wiredrawers of London. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 28.]

July 13. Docquet of the above.

July 13. Westminster. Commission to the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Carew, for making saltpetre and gunpowder, as formerly granted to them and the Earl of Middlesex, with certain alterations. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 29.]

July 13. Docquet of the above.

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July 13. London. 56. Sir Wm. Beecher to Lord Zouch. Sends him drafts of a letter, and replies, intended to be sent by Council to Mons. Van Male, about the complaints against the Dunkirkers, which affect divers persons at Sandwich and elsewhere, within his Lordship's jurisdiction.

July 14. Dover Castle. 57. Commission from Lord Zouch to the Deputy of Margate, and others, appointing them Commissioners for the passage there.

July 14. Theobalds. 58. The King to the Provost of Eton College. Recommends the son of John Smith, his shoemaker, to be admitted into the sixth, seventh, or eighth place in the college, at the next election.

July 14. Letter to the Vice Chancellor, &c. of Cambridge, to call a special convocation for conferring a doctor's degree on Robt. Lane, who is suddenly to be employed abroad. [*Docquet, July* 16.]

July 14. Theobalds. Proclamation enforcing, under severe penalties, the observance of former proclamations, concerning the manner and materials of buildings in and about London, and enjoining the City officers to see them performed in their respective wards. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 123.]

July 14. London. 59. Sir Edw. Conway, jun., to Sec. Conway. Requests him to let Lord Willoughby know, that Mr. Norton, Ensign to Capt. Clapham, who gave 80*l.* to Sir Peregrine Bertie, for an Ensign's place, cannot have it, as it is the King's pleasure that Murray shall be Ensign; therefore, Sir Peregrine must restore the money.

July 14. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Rogers of a Gunner's place in the Tower, void by decease of Oliver Moger. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 31.]

July 14. Westminster. Grant to the Duke of Buckingham of an annuity of 1,000*l.*, and 1,000*l.*, arrears from the Court of Wards, in lieu of a like grant from the Exchequer, surrendered. [*Ibid., No.* 32.]

July 14. Westminster. Grant to the Same of York House and other messuages in the parish of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, lately belonging to the Archbp. of York, but assured to the King by Act of the last Parliament. [*Ibid., No.* 33.]

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July 15. Westminster. Grant to Sir Robt. Shirley, Ambassador from the King of Persia, of 40*l.* per week, for diet and entertainment, to commence from Jan. 28, 1624. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 34.]

July 15. 1. Earl of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Is desirous for an end to the business between himself and the Earl of Oxford, as it wants but two days to the progress. Wishes the King would settle it, but fears not the decision of any reasonable man.

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July 15. Theobalds. 2. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Earl of Carlisle]. Arrangements making for the pay of the troops ; the levies go on apace about London, but in the country, people do not flock to the drum as was hoped. The contest for precedence between the Colonels is referred to the Lords Steward and Chamberlain, by them to the King, and by him to the Earl Marshal. The Earl and Countess of Middlesex are suing for remission of his fine. His brother Brett came to Wanstead, but the King ordered him off the field. The Earl of Bristol sues by his lady to have his case heard. Articles of the charg e were sent him, to which he has written a reply, but wishes it to be read in his presence. The King promised the Countess to be mindful of her business. Hopes to secure the Duke of Holstein's pension for Prince Charles, the Queen of Bohemia's son.

July 15. 3. Warrant for payment to Sir Edw. Villiers of 500*l.*, the said sum having been formerly granted him from the Mint, but not defalcated in the accounts of the Mint, now brought in. With order to the Clerk of the Signet to engross this warrant for signature.

July. Sign Manual of the above, dated July 17. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 39.]

July 15. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal for 500*l.* to Sir Edw. Villiers. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

July 15. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Sends him the person and examination of McDonnell, sent up from Dover by Lord Zouch. [*Ibid.*] *Incloses,*

4. I. *Examination of Jas. McDonnell. Is second son of the Earl of Antrim, and was brought up till the age of* 13 *at his father's house in Antrim; then travelled, and studied in foreign colleges three or four years, and returned two years ago to his father; travelled again into Spain, France, and Flanders, and sailed from Calais in the same ship which brought over Sir Edw. Herbert. Hoped to find his father and friends in London. Is not a priest, but refuses the Oath of Allegiance. Dover, July* 12.

July 15. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a grant of 100*l.* pension to the Lady Stuart O'Donnell. [*Ibid.*]

July 15. [Theobalds.] 5. [The Same] to the East India Company. The King is surprised at the non-payment of the remainder of the money from them, and bids them deliver to Rich. Oliver the 10,000*l.* to be employed on secret service for his Majesty.

July 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 135.]

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July 15. 6. Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. Hopes soon to receive the additional questions which the King intends to propose. Wishes to spend some time in settling his own affairs, Sir Robt. Seymour, who managed them, being dead. Prays that the matter may not be stirred up again; if it be, must prove himself an honest man, though with the loss of a thousand lives.

July 15. 7. Copy of the above.

8. Bond of Jas. Hugessen, jun., of Dover, and three mariners of Hamburgh, in 300*l.*, to indemnify Lord Zouch for the delivery to them of the furniture, tackling, goods, &c., saved from the wreck of the White Swan, of Hamburgh.

July 16. Westminster. Grant to Laur. Burnell, King's Chaplain, of presentation to the Chancellorship of Exeter Cathedral. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 35.]

July 16. Docquet of the above.

July 16. Westminster. Grant to Sir John Bennet of pardon of all imprisonments, disablements, and punishments imposed on him by the Star Chamber, the fine of 20,000*l.* only excepted, and of all briberies, extortions, and corruptions committed before the said sentence. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 36.]

July 16. Warrant to ship-owners and officers to assist Jas. Bovey, Serjeant of the Cellar, in transportation of wines and fruits bought abroad for the King's use, on his payment of reasonable freights. [*Docquet.*]

July 16. London. 9. Dud. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Has talked with Buckingham on the affair between Carleton and Calvert, and assured him of his own frequent attendances on his Grace, though advised not to trouble him because of his illness, and of Carleton's reliance upon him only for success. He replied, that he would himself write to him about it. Fears some of his friends have been negligent or treacherous.

July 16. London. 10. Lord Pres. Mandeville to [Sec. Conway]. Sends the East India Company's desires, and a draft of the King's reply, which is approved by Council, and which the Company are anxious to receive; also Sir Randall Cranfield's answer, as to his choice in the matter which the King left to him.

July 17. 11. The Same to the Same. Told the Council, that if Sir Thos. Garrett paid Wilmore's debt, it was hard to extend Wilmore's land for Drake's debt. The Lords decline to sign a protection, until they meet again in full council.

July 17. 12. Sir John Bourchier to the Same. Has hearings appointed before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Attorney and Solicitor General, and Sir Art. Ingram, on the alum and soap business.

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Will make good what he has promised for Conway's benefit, and hopes this first half year to give him half what he expects by the soap.

July 17. 13. Council of War to the King. Are of opinion that the Earl of Oxford ought to have precedency in Court, and in all civil entertainments, because of the antiquity of his earldom, dignity of his office of Great Chamberlain, &c.; but the Earl of Southampton in war, by reason of his former military service, having been General of Horse in Ireland, and thus above a Colonel.

July 17. 14, 15. Two copies of the above.

July 17. Two copies of the above. [*Dom. Corresp., July* 21.]

July 17. 16. Agreement between Lord Admiral Buckingham and Lord Zouch, that if Lord Zouch surrender to Buckingham his patent as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports at Michaelmas next, he shall receive 1,000*l.* ready money, and 500*l.* for life, for payment of which good security shall be given; that the profits of the office shall belong to him till Michaelmas, and afterwards to the Duke; that Marsh, Clerk of Dover Castle, Fulnetby, Serjeant of the Admiralty, and Capt. Hill, Muster-master, shall retain their places; that the Duke shall not admit Sir Hen. Mainwaring to any office in the Ports, on account of his labouring Lord Zouch's disgrace, both in Court and Parliament, and threatening revenge on the poor men who testified to his misdemeanors; and that the Duke looks on this voluntary surrender as a favour, and will acknowledge it accordingly.

July 17. Westminster. Royal Assent for Rich. Senhouse, Chaplain to the Prince, elected to the see of Carlisle. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 38.]

July 17. Westminster. Warrant to allow to Philip Burlamachi and Philip Jacobson, of London, former Paymasters of the forces in the Palatinate, 26,000*l.* or thereabouts, and to Abraham Vandervorte, Agent of the Magistrates of Frankenthal, about 7,000*l.*, for moneys disbursed in the said service, and for the garrison of Frankenthal, on due examination of their accounts. [*Ibid., No.* 40.]

July 17. Westminster. Grant to John Gage, of Raundes, co. Northampton, on surrender of Sackville Pope, of the office of Receiver of the Honor of Higham Ferrers and other lands of the Duchy of Lancaster, cos. Northampton, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Buckingham. [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

July 17. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Recommends a petition. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 136.]

July 18. Royston. The Same to Mr. Fotherley. Recommends Mr. Bawtrey as his Deputy Bailiff in Westminster. [*Ibid.*]

July 18. Royston. The Same to Mr. Lassells. Apologizes for not speaking with him. [*Ibid.*]

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July 18. Hillesdon. 17. Sir Thos. Denton to the Council of War. The Lord Chief Justice reprieved certain prisoners at Buckingham assizes, condemned for no notorious offence, and offered to allow himself and other justices of the peace to dispose of them as soldiers for the States. The gaoler is anxious to be free from them. Wishes for their Lordships' order before taking them out of prison.

July 19. Essex House. 18. Robt. Earl of Essex to Sec. Conway. Intreats his favour towards Sir Wm. Power, an ancient servant of his father.

July 19. 19. Recorder Finch to the Same. Has furnished Conway's son with some prisoners fit for service. Sends a list of 31 prisoners now in Newgate, but reprieved. Some have been long in gaol, and were saved from execution by the Prince's return on that day. They pester the gaol this hot weather, and would do better service as soldiers than if pardoned, for they would not dare to run away.

July 19. Royston. 20. [Sec. Conway] to the Governor, &c. of the East India Company. Sends them a copy of the letter sent by the King's command to the Ambassador at the Hague, about their business; they are not to divulge it lightly, and only to use it to encourage their friends, and show the King's favour and care of them to their enemies.

July 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 137.]

July 19. Royston. 21. [The Same] to the Earl of Southampton. Rayer Jacobson and others were stayed at Cowes Castle, on suspicion of piracy, at request of Capt. Moy Lambert, and Bartholmeus the Bore, Dutch captains, who afterwards asked to have them restored to their power, but, whilst waiting a reply, ran away with the ship in which the pirates had arrived. The King therefore refused to give them up till the ship was returned; this being now done, they are to be delivered, if Sir Noel de Caron will take order for paying their expenses.

July 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 136.]

[July 19.] [Royston.] 22. [The Same to the Clerk of the Council.] To prepare for Wm. Trumbull, who is ordered to solicit reparation of wrongs done by Dunkirkers, authentic copies of the original complaints, the depositions, informations, &c.; and also all particulars which the Judge of the Admiralty can furnish. Damaged.

July 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 136.]

July 19. Royston. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King approves the proceedings in the Virginia business. The restraint of import of tobacco is to be considered; propounds some difficulties therein. Returns the East India business. Order is to be given on the Venetian Ambassador's demand touching currants and sweet wines, and the French Ambassador's request for letters of recommendation to Newfoundland, on behalf of the French, is to be considered of. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

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July 19. Royston. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To put Mr. Bing in the commission for Virginia, if he know no reason to the contrary. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 137.]

July 19. Royston. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. A pension of 1,000 marks, now enjoyed by Sir Jas. McConnell, is to be equally divided between him and Pat. Maull, and bills prepared accordingly. [*Ibid.*]

July 19. Brussels. 23. Jas. Earl of Maitland to Sec. Conway. Requests him to present the enclosed letter to the King; has left it open because one of his letters was refused for being closed. Has received no answer to his many letters and petitions.

July 19. Brussels. 24. The Same to the King. Requests his attention to statements that concern him in honour and conscience; that his Majesty inherits the whole of Britain through his mother, who for nineteen and a half years before her death was unjustly despoiled of her crown, her abdication being extorted by force; that it was therefore lawful for her subjects still to serve her, and his father did right in so doing, and in refusing to answer to the pretended authorities, who doomed him to unjust forfeiture therefor; that his father might have recovered his property by forsaking the Queen, but would not; that he long maintained Edinburgh Castle for her, to the last drop of his blood, and was in all plots for her service, endangering thereby his own life and that of his friends; that in his attainder no legal forms were adopted; that in the 54 years which have elapsed since, he has been unable to procure a copy of his father's sentence, and other documents needful for his justification, or to obtain a re-hearing of the case, or to procure his Majesty's permission to petition the Parliament of Scotland thereon, and was banished the King's dominions, without knowing the cause; that His Majesty has advanced many of the Queen his mother's persecutors to eminent dignities, but never relieved him, in spite of promises so to do, made through the Earls of Somerset and Kelly, and the late Earl of Dunbar. Entreats aid.

July 19. Brussels. 25. The Same to [the Prince]. Asks from the King not favour but justice, and requests his intercession to obtain it without further delays. Servants like his late father, who adhere to princes in their misfortunes, should be cherished and favoured. Hopes his Highness may never taste such adversity as his late grandmother, but fears if he did, many who now flatter him would "shrink and slip away." Knows particulars of the Queen of Scots' sufferings and his father's services to her, which are detailed in no history yet printed, especially those printed in England in Queen Elizabeth's time, or even since, as in them ignorance or malice bears sway; the truth should be collected from those who can tell it sincerely, for though some authentic monuments are destroyed, and others obscured and hid, some may still be had. It would be honourable to the Prince to restore a family so useful to his grandmother, and now trodden under foot. Entreats an answer, the present being his third letter, and the others yet unanswered.

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July 19. Westminster. Grant to Sir Hen. Wotton of the Provostship of Eton College, with dispensation of all statutes to the contrary. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 42.]

July 19. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Hen. Weeks, Paymaster of the King's Works, 1,800*l.*, for providing and delivering 2,000 tons of Portland stone, for a building to be erected by the Duke of Buckingham at York House. [*Ibid., No.* 43.]

July 19. Westminster. Grant to Dr. Theodore de Mayerne, the King's Chief Physician, of dispensation to be absent from attendance on his person, notwithstanding his oath of service; likewise of exemption from all taxes and subsidies granted or to be granted by Parliament; with note that the like is desired for Sir Fras. Biondi. [*Ibid., No.* 44.]

July [19]. Docquet of the above.

[July 19.] Another docquet of the above.

July 19. Westminster. Warrânt for payment of 5,700*l.* and upwards, to Hen. Weeks, Paymaster of the Works, for a new chapel, bedchamber, rooms, and tennis court, to be built next spring at the King's house at Theobalds, 1,500*l.* of which is to be advanced for provision of stone and bricks to be made this year, in preparation. [*Ibid., No.* 45.]

July 19. Westminster. Grant to Daniel Mytens of a pension of 50*l.* per ann., for his better encouragement in the art and skill of picture drawing, on condition that he do not depart the realm without warrant from King or Council, and that he do not refuse such service and employment in his said art as shall be reasonably required of him. [*Ibid., No.* 46.]

July 19. Westminster. Grant to the Same of letters of denization. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 47.]

July 19. Westminster. Grant to the corporation of Devizes, co. Wilts, of the profit of courts leet, fairs, markets, waifs, strays, &c., except such fines as exceed 40*s.* each, they paying therefor 120*l.*, and 5*l.* yearly rent. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 48.]

July 20. Westminster. Grant to Eliz. Dean, servant to the Lady Elizabeth, Electress Palatine, of an annuity of 100*l.*, on surrender of one of 60*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 49.]

July. Duplicate of the above, cancelled; dated July 16. [*Ibid., No.* 37.]

July 20. Westminster. Warrant to pay to John Pory 150*l.*, in discharge of 100*l.* expended by him, and as a reward for his service when employed in Virginia about the King's special affairs. [*Ibid., No.* 50.]

July 20. Newington Green. 26. Sir Hen. Mildmay to Sec. Conway. To ascertain if Buckingham intends to give him any further employment, and to advise his Grace no longer to err by bringing in other people's creatures, instead of faithful adherents of his own.

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July 20. Houghton Lodge. 27. The King to the Earl of Lincoln. Desires to be supplied with such venison as can be spared during the present scarcity of game, and that it be sent to Beauvoir by Aug. 1.

July 21. Houghton Park. 28. The Same to [the Keeper of Newgate Prison]. Requires him to deliver certain reprieved prisoners in Newgate to Sir Edw. Conway, jun., to be employed in His Majesty's service in the Low Countries. *Incloses,*

28. I, II. *Lists of* 13 *reprieved prisoners in London, and* 18 *in Middlesex, condemned for housebreaking, stealing, &c.*

July 21. Westminster. Grant to Hugh May, of the Privy Chamber, of the office of Receiver General for cos. Middlesex, Hertford, Essex, and City of London, void by decease of John Davies. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 53.]

July 21. 29. Lord Chief Justice Ley to the Commissioners for the soldiers to be transported to the Low Countries. Recommends John Worley, convicted for stealing a watch, as able to serve.

July 21. Whitehall. 30. Council of War to Sec. Conway. Beg to know the King's pleasure as to whether it is necessary for the forces to be sent into Ireland this year, and if so, wish him to nominate the officers; also as to the 50 horse for the Lord Deputy, who now has but 25, which are taken from other troops. Have already ordered payment of 80,000*l* for the Low Country forces, the Navy, and provision of powder and shot. Have done nothing about the repair of forts, or the Frankenthal business, both of which will require much money, which comes in very slowly. Ask directions as to what should first be done.

July 21. 31. Abstract of the above, with an addition [by Conway] on the expense of the troops to be sent to Ireland, and of those in the Low Countries.

July 21. Augustine. Friars. 32. John Coke to Sec. Conway. To favour his request for leave to visit his house at Muchmarcle, in Herefordshire.

July 21? 33. Phil. Burlamachi to [the Same]. Sends a letter from Ambassador Caron. The artillery affair will soon be ready to pass the Great Seal. Asks if Conway will come to put in writing the satisfaction to be given to the deputies of Frankenthal. M. Bernouille has had some of his money. Hopes not to be expected to pay the rest to him or to the Duke of Courland in ready money, but will treat them like gentlemen. French.

July 21. Houghton Lodge. 34. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Requests him to take some course for the speedy relief of the people of Frankenthal, as that score should be cleared before disposing of the town; also to remember the Duke of Courland.

July 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 137.

July 21. Houghton Lodge. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To take and send to him the examination of Art. Brett, and then commit him to the Fleet. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

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July 21. Houghton Lodge. Warrant to Hen. Keyme, Messenger of the Chamber, to find out Mr. Brett, take him into custody, and carry him to the Attorney General. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 137.]

July 21. Houghton Lodge. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Bristol. The King permits him to go to Sherborne, and stay there till Aug. 31, but not to come into his presence. [*Ibid., p.* 138.]

July 21. [Houghton Lodge.] 35. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King refuses to sign the proclamation until [after mention of Popish scandalous books] these words are added: "As also all seditious Puritanical bookes and scandalous to our person and state, such as have been lately vented by some Puritanicall spirits." Indorsed with a minute of the letter.

July 21. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 137.]

July 21. Houghton Lodge. 36. The Same to Sir Rich. Weston. The King wishes him to tell the Earl of Middlesex that, having read his charges and answers three times, he passes by all that concerns the merchants, and fixes on his carriage as Master of the Wardrobe, which he treated as a fee farm not to be accounted for, and would not even allow the clerk to keep accounts, whereby great corruption arose and ordinary and mean stuffs were brought in. He also abused the King's great trust in him about the ordnance; therefore His Majesty fixes his fine at 30,000*l.* Weston is privately to inform himself of the value of the Earl's estate, and to give the King an exact account of it.

July 21. 37. Draft of the above.

July 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 138.]

July 22. [Bletsoe.] The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Recommends a business of Mr. Harrison, concerning the Muscovy Company. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

July 22. [Bletsoe.] 38. [The Same] to Lord Zouch. Don Carlos de Colonna, Spanish Ambassador Extraordinary, complains of the restraint at Dover of Don Francisco de Colomandela, one of his gentlemen who has long been with him here. His Lordship is to order his immediate freedom to sail or return to London as he pleases, and entire restoration of any of his goods that may have been seized. [*Minute.*]

July 22. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett Bk., p.* 138.]

July 22. 39. [The Same] to the Mayor of Dover. To the same purport, and thanking him for his care of two letters commended to him. [*Minute.*]

July 22. 40. Pass for Don Francisco [de Colomandela] to sail freely, with his goods, from any of His Majesty's ports. [*Minute.*]

July 22. 41. Post warrant to furnish horses back to London for the gentleman that b[rought letters] from the Ambassador. Damaged. [*Minute.*]

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July 22. Scarborough. 42. Sir John Hotham and other Commissioners of Subsidy in Yorkshire to the Council. Wm. Wild, shoemaker of Beverley, complained that he was assessed at as much as Art. Fish, one of the wealthiest aldermen of the town. Called before them Fish, who was one of the assessors, examined him about his property, and exhorted him to set a good example, which so enraged him that he used abusive language and violence to Wild.

July 22. Augustine Friars. 43. John Coke to Sec. Conway. Has sent to tell the Lord Admiral of a ship of 500 tons, richly laden here by Peter Richaut, the Spanish factor, which was claimed and seized by the Viceroy of Naples, as bought for the King of Spain. Advises that sureties be claimed from Richaut or his partners to answer the law therein. Begs for himself the forfeiture of their bonds for the ordnance; will thus be encouraged to proceed in the business, and thinks a Star Chamber fine for His Majesty may be got by the transaction.

July 23. Inner Temple. 44. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. Has examined and committed Art. Brett to the Fleet. Has transmitted the letter respecting amendments in the proclamation to the Solicitor General, who drew it up. *Incloses,*

44. I. *Examination of Art. Brett. Was requested by Buckingham, who was going to Spain, to withdraw to France during his absence, and did so; but on his return, could not obtain his leave to come home, and therefore, his money failing, returned without it. Was told by the Earl of Carlisle that the King ordered him back to France. Pleaded his rights as a free-born subject, but the Earl advised him not to contest with the King. Was then ordered not to come within* 40 *miles of London or the Court. Had an interview with Buckingham, who blamed him for coming to England, and said he was no longer the King's servant, and might live where he pleased; remained therefore in London, and wished to plead with the Duke for restoration to favour, but, failing in this, went to Wanstead to petition the King. Intended previously to see his Majesty at Chertsey, but the Countess of Middlesex, his sister, suspecting his purpose, notice of it was sent by the Earl of Middlesex to the Duke. Refuses to name any as cognizant of his intentions except Sir Thos. Darell and Benj. Valentine. Was not sent for by any one out of France. July* 23.

July 23. Chelsea. 45. Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. The Earl of Middlesex was amazed that his heaviest sentence should be on account of the wardrobe, wherein he thought he had done such good service, and hopes the King will be more gracious to him. His land is worth 4,000*l.* a year, and he will have 1,000*l.* more by and bye. He has the farm of the sugars, but owes thereon to Sir Peter Van Lore 30,000*l.*, and does not value his personal estate at more than 10,000*l.* Will inquire more closely into it if required.

[July 23.] 46. Abstract of the above.

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July 24. Nonsuch. 47. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Thinks that no exceptions can be taken to a grant for Thos. Melvin of a patent for collecting in 14 or 16 counties, if there be no unusual clauses which may trouble justices of the peace, but only the usual directions to churchwardens and ministers.

July 24. Bletsoe. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Bristol. Gives reasons why the additional questions are not come to his hands, and why he has not hastened them. Offers a way of mediation, if he desires it. Will endeavour to have Lord Digby recommended into Ireland. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 138.]

July 24? 48. [Conway] to Buckingham. Earnest desire of the Earl of Bristol to be reconciled to him, the King, and the Prince. He is confident they are now convinced of his innocency. Extract.

July 24. Ashby. The Same to the Earls of Oxford and Southampton. Sends them copies of the King's declaration about precedency. [*Ibid., p.* 139.] *Incloses,*

49. I., II. *Declaration by the King of his pleasure that the Earl of Oxford shall have precedency "in all civil and courtly passages, and actions, and the Earl of Southampton in all martial and military passages." Two copies. Bletsoe, July* 21.

July 24. Ashby. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. Sends the King's declaration and the Commissioners' report concerning precedency to be registered in the Signet Book. [*Ibid.*] *Incloses,*

50. I. *Copy of the King's Declaration as above. July* 21.

50. II. *Council of War to the King. Report on the above case of precedency. July* 17. [*See July* 17.]

July 24. Ashby. 51. The King to the Lord Mayor, &c. of London. To suspend the execution of Barth. Backhouse, in prison for killing Thos. Parbury, till further orders,—the quarrel being said to arise from an odious and extraordinary occasion.

July 24. 52. Locke to Carleton. Sir Hen. Wotton has the Provostship of Eton, but is to part with half the profits of the reversion of the six clerks' places. The decision about soldiers for Ireland is postponed to Aug. 5. Sir Edw. Herbert has arrived. Lord Digby is not likely soon to be at Court. None will pay any money to the East India Company, because of the recent massacre.

July 24. 53. The Same to the Same. Sec. Calvert has retired to Thistleworth, till the King returns from his progress, and little business is done.

July 24. London. 54. Chamberlain to the Same. Great desire for revenge against the Hollanders; the King talks violently; wishes he would say less, and do more; we should retaliate on them, as the States, being parties concerned, will never grant redress. His Majesty began his progress on the 17th. M. d'Effiat has been feasted by him and

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1624. Buckingham, and is going to meet the King at the Duke's, at Burleigh in Rutlandshire, and thence to the Earl of Rutland's at Beauvoir. Lord Kensington returns to France, as Earl of Holland; the match sticks at the point of toleration [to Papists]. Lord Bristol is allowed to go where he likes. Art. Brett met the King in Waltham Forest, and tried to hold his bridle or stirrup, at which His Majesty was much offended, and forbade him the presence; he is sent to the Fleet. The Countesses of Middlesex and Bristol follow the Court on behalf of their Lords, but with little avail. Out of a list of 50 captains proposed for Ireland, nine only were pricked. Capt. Conway, Mayerne, the Physician, and Burroughs, Norroy King-at-Arms, are knighted; also a younger son of Sec. Conway. Lord Say is made Visct. Banbury; his neighbour, Sir Wm. Cope, is in Oxford Castle for debt, and for trying to escape from the Sheriff. Lady Smith is likely to marry Sir Fras. Barrington's son and heir, who is a fitting match in rank, age, estate, and "conformity of poetical studies." The Earl of Holderness married Sir Wm. Cockayne's daughter, with 10,000*l.* portion. Death of Alderman Gore, Sir Robt. Seymour, a Teller of the Exchequer, and Lady Craven, who leaves 8,000*l.* a year to her eldest son, and 5,000*l.* to her second. Sir Edw. Herbert has returned from France, and hopes to be Vice Chamberlain; Sir Edw. Barrett wishes to succeed him, but Sir Albert Morton has the appointment. Sir Robt. Naunton aims at the Treasurership. Sir Wm. Beecher, in recompence for his promise of Eton, is to have 2,500*l.* on the fall of the first of the six clerks, and to keep his clerkship of the Council. Visct. Purbeck was better, and returned to Court, but is lately worse than ever.

July 24. Westminster. Grant to John Wortham, King's Pensioner, of two thirds of a rent of 54*l.*, accruing to the King by the recusancy of Isabel, widow of Thos. Oliver, out of the manors of Braddocks and Horham, co. Essex, assigned for her maintenance. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 54.]

July 24. Westminster. Grant to Helen Levingston of 700*l.*, out of the moneys due to the Crown by Otho Nicholson, deceased, for sale of assart lands, &c., she prosecuting and bringing the same into the Exchequer. [*Ibid., No.* 55.]

July 25. Ashby. 55. The King to the Provost, &c. of Eton. Recommends Robt. Newman as a scholar of Eton, an exception being taken to a former recommendation, as not being under his own hand.

July 25. Ashby. 56. The Same to the Same. Recommends Chas. Faldoe, prime scholar at Eton, to be sent to the University, he fearing lest others, who have more powerful friends, step in before him.

July 25. 57. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The Sheriff of Berkshire being dead, sends three names, that the King may choose his successor; the fittest of them is his son, Wm. Hyde.

July 25. 58. Nich. Felton, Bp. of Ely, to the Same. Hopes the opposition against his appointment of Dr. Preston for a lecture in Cam-

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bridge, will be overcome by his worth, and that, by support of his friends, he will be saved the disgrace of dismissal, as he can do good service; his own right of jurisdiction would thus be preserved.

July 25. London. 59. Paul de la Ravoire to Sec. Conway. States the grounds on which he suspects that the Italian Caymo has forged the signature of Signor Pizari, the present Ambassador from Venice; thinks him a reckless and malicious fellow, who wants to intimidate the King and kingdom. French.

July 26. Dover Castle. 60. Lord Zouch to the Same. John Andrison, a Spaniard, employed in victualling the Dunkirk ships, assisted in concealing and conveying away the Archdeacon of Cambray, and then reviled and attempted to injure Jas. Hugessen, because he was employed to apprehend the Archdeacon, and even threatened to have his brother, Abraham Hugessen, sent to the Inquisition, in Spain. Has committed Andrison till he finds sureties to keep the peace.

July 26. Fanchurch. 61. Dr. Jas. Meddus to the Same. Prays that no pardon may be passed for Hen. Starkey, a Popish recusant, convicted of seducing to recuancy, and harbouring priests, because, by suppressing a will, he is defrauding his elder brother Ralph, a Protestant, of his estates. The case was referred to Parliament, but postponed till next session.

July 26. Ashby. 62. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Somerset. The King permits him to go to Woodcote in Surrey, under the usual restrictions.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 139.]

July 26. [Ashby.] 63. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King requires him, and such of the Council as are about London, to examine into a charge sent by Mr. Coke to the Duke of Buckingham against certain parties. *Annexing,*

63. I. *Statement that the George, of* 500 *tons, bought by Peter Richaut, the Spanish factor, sailed with a rich cargo to Naples, was there seized by the Viceroy, as bought by Richaut for the King of Spain, and the English crew discharged; thereby the kingdom is deprived of one of its largest merchant ships, and the King of his customs due on her return.*

July 26. 64. Copy of the above letter.

July 26. Minute of the above letter. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 139.]

July 26. [Ashby.] 65. [The Same] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The Council is to examine whether Capt. Bargrave has used his past protection for payment of his debts, and if so, to renew it, on condition of his abstaining from all suits in the Star Chamber against others,

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and especially Sir Thos. Smythe, against whom he wishes to complain.

July 26. 66. Copy of the above.

July 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 140.]

July 26. Ashby. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To give a perfect account of the Earl of Middlesex's estate to the King, who dislikes the importunities of Lady Middlesex. Recommends the business of soap and alum, and Sir John Bourchier. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

July 26. Ashby. The Same to the Justices of the Assize for Northumberland. Recommends a petition of Mr. Stevenson, of the Back Stairs, recommended to them by the King. [*Ibid.*]

July 26. Ashby. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a Privy Seal for entertainment of Sir Albert Morton, as Ambassador in France. [*Ibid.*]

July 26. 67. Certificate, addressed to Council by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Clothworkers' Company, that the two barrels of fullers' earth sent them to try is very good.

July 26. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Robt. Dixon, Secretary to the Commission for Trade, 112*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, to be distributed to different persons for their time, trouble, and expenses in attending the Commissioners. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 56.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to Patrick Maull, of the Bedchamber, of a pension of 500 marks per ann., on surrender of half of a pension of 1,000 marks by Sir Jas. Macdonald. [*Ibid., No.* 57.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to the Duke of Lenox of an annuity of 1,500*l.*, for 19½ years, and of 2,250*l.*, arrears of the same, on his surrender of the patent of Green Wax. [*Ibid., No.* 58.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to Sir Jas. Macdonald of a pension of 500 marks per ann., on surrender of his former pension of 1,000 marks, of which 500 is granted to Pat. Maull. [*Ibid., No.* 59.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to the Duke of Lenox of an annuity of 1,400*l.*, for life, and 350*l.* at once for the first quarter, to be received from the customs in the Port of London, in lieu of his diet at Court. [*Ibid., No.* 60.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to Sir Thos. Edmondes of an annuity of 750*l.*, for 19½ years, and of 1,125*l.* arrears, to be paid out of the Court of Wards, on surrender of the patent of Green Wax. [*Ibid., No.* 61.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to the Brewers of Lincoln of incorporation, with power to govern those of the trade within four miles' compass, &c., on proviso of their submitting to any duty that may be levied on brewhouses. [*Ibid., No.* 62.]

July 27. Westminster. Grant to John Williams, of Herringstone, co. Dorset, of pardon for manslaughter of John Keate. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 63.]

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July 27. London. 68. Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. Asks his assistance in accommodating his business. Wishes his actions searched; had rather die than have a stain on his loyalty. Hears the King is not satisfied with his answers, having read only the abstract; wishes he would read them at large, and will then answer any further questions he pleases. Declares his sincere desire to be reconciled to the Duke, and desires he may have further questions put to him, if his Majesty be not satisfied.

July? 69. Notes [by Sec. Conway], that the Duke of Buckingham is willing to meet the desire of the Earl of Bristol for a reconciliation, but cannot mediate for him with the King and Prince until his answers be satisfactory, and he makes a confession that he did harm by allowing the marriage treaty to proceed on general terms, without coming to particulars; that, in the treaty for restitution of the Palatinate, he had not comprised the person of the Prince Palatine; that he had advised the education of the eldest Palatinate Prince in the Emperor's court, and his change of religion; and had urged the stay of the Prince of Wales at the Spanish Court. If he will thus confess, and throw himself upon his Majesty's mercy for his errors of judgment, the Duke will endeavour to have him restored to favour.

July 27. Ashby. Sec. Conway to Sir Albert Morton. Recommends a son of Sir Laur. Hyde to be admitted as his servant. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 140.]

July 27. Ashby. The Same to Lord Chief Justice Ley. To expedite a reference on behalf of Sir Wm. Power and his son. [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Kirby. The Same to Sir Thos. Fowler. Concerning hawking. [*Ibid. p.* 141.]

July 28. Kirby. The Same to Capt. Wroth. Sends him a blank warrant for such as offend by hawking. [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Kirby. The Same to the Clerk of the Council. To send a copy of the last establishment for Ireland, in the military part. [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Kirby. The Same to Mr. Bill. To give account of manuscripts received for the King from Carolus Wideman. [*Ibid.*]

July 28? 70. Certificate of the Commissioners for Gaol Delivery for Northampton, recommending Thos. Longe, condemned for a small robbery, for reprieve, the evidence being doubtful, and he an able person for employment.

July 28. Kirby. 71. The King to the Mayor of Northampton. Warrant for reprieve of Thos. Longe, and for his delivery to Sir John Ouseley, for the war in the Low Countries.

July 28. London. 72. Earl of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Will observe the King's order as to the precedency between himself and the Earl of Oxford. The soldiers and baggage are on shipboard in the Thames, but the shippers fear to proceed, on account of the Dunkirk vessels which infest the mouth of the river, and have lately rifled many passengers. Some course is now taken to secure the passage.

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July 28. London. 73. Earl of Southampton to Sec. Conway. For a warrant to Lord Carew for delivery of certain armour and arms to the Armourers of London, for furnishing the new levies, his Lordship refusing to deliver any without the King's signature. The arms will shortly be restored.

July 28. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Marm. Darell and Sir Allan Apsley, then Surveyors of Victuals, 1,229*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, disbursed for wine employed instead of beer, for the fleet lately employed against the pirates of Algiers; and to Sir Robt. Mansell 555*l.* 15*s.*, for rewards to those who fired the pirate ships, for expenses of travelling to the Court of Spain, and other extraordinary charges. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVI., *No.* 64.]

July 28. Westminster. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Edw. and Robt. Ramsay the manor of Holmer, co. Bucks, and the manor of Crakehall, co. York, lands annexed to the Crown, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council, required by the indenture of annexation. [*Ibid, No.* 65.]

July 28. Westminster. Grant, with survivorship, to John Ramsay, Earl of Holderness, and Martha, his wife, of an annuity of 1,000*l.* per ann., on surrender of a like annuity to himself and Elizabeth, his late wife. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 66.]

July 28. Westminster. Warrant to pass to Sir John Bath reversions depending on estates tail, of which two inheritors shall be living, to the amount of 150*l.* per ann. [*Ibid., No.* 67.]

July 28. Westminster. Grant to John Wale of a Gunner's place in the Tower. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 68.]

July 29. Westminster. Grant to Jas. Matthews of the office of Whiffler and Gunner in the Tower. [*Ibid., Vol.* XVII., *No.* 1.]

July 29. Brooke House. 74. Lord Brooke to the King. Lord Fielding brought Reynolds to the Tilt-yard, and he was committed to prison; but, consulting with the Lord Keeper, and finding that some points intrenched on matters of State, he is removed to the Fleet, and will be called before Council, unless his Majesty direct otherwise.

July 29. [Ashby.] 75. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Has presented the three names to the King, who, on his Lordship's singular recommendation, has pricked for sheriff [of Berkshire] Wm. Hyde, the son of the late sheriff.

July 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 141.]

July 29. The Savoy. 76. Geo. Lord Carew to Sec. Conway. The Prince requested the Council of War to give a company to Sir Thos. Stafford, but they cannot do it; begs that he will intercede for him with the King; thinks the Prince and Buckingham will second the application. Sir Thomas has served long and faithfully in Ireland, and had no reward.

July 29. Whitehall. 77. Council of War to the Same. Send their opinions on points submitted to them by Council. Think it fitting that the King should demand restitution of Frankenthal, but advise that only a small garrison be put in, as a strong one could not hold it

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unsupported, if attacked, and a few could be drawn off with less dishonour. *Inclose,*

77. I. *Order in Council, that the opinion of the Frankenthal Commissioners that the town should be re-demanded from the Infanta, according to treaty, and a garrison of* 1,500 *foot and* 200 *horse, well provided, placed in it, be submitted to the Council of War, to consult on the means of carrying out the resolution, of raising and supplying the troops, &c. Whitehall, July* 15.

77. II. *Opinions of the Council of War on the points submitted to them relative to the re-demanding and garrisoning of Frankenthal. Whitehall, July* 29.

July 30. [Ashby.] 78. [Sec. Conway] to Lords Grandison and Chichester. The King has not yet digested the proposition made by the Council [of War?]. Thinks the troops will presently be sent into Ireland.

July 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk, p.* 141.]

July 30. Kirby. The Same to the Earl of Southampton. Not to expect any arms out of the Tower, but to encourage the armourers to proceed in their work. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

July 30. Essex House. 79. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. On a private business, in which there is little hope of success. Sec. Conway thinks a blow will be given, either in England or Ireland, within three weeks, if not prevented.

July 30. Bedford. 80. Bailiffs of Bedford to Sec. Conway. Will try to elect Chris. Turner, at his recommendation, as Steward of the town, if the election may be fairly conducted. Request assistance therein, if needful.

July 31. Westminster College. 81. Lord Keeper Lincoln to the Same. Recommends the petition of the poor decayed town of Stamford, Lincolnshire. Does not think their statement that theirs was once a university town is correct; but, having lived in the neighbourhood, knows that it is decayed, and the inhabitants poor. [*See Aug.* 1.]

July 31. 82. Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. The Earl of Middlesex promises to leave his cause in the King's hands, and to restrain his lady from further importuning his Majesty, unless forced by extreme misery, but he intreats a gracious answer to his petition. Has obtained particulars of his estate from himself, as being the readiest way. Thinks the account given of his landed property correct, but some points of his personal property are omitted. His large debts to Sir Peter Van Lore and the officers of ordnance will be discharged chiefly from his farm of sugars and petty customs; his personalty is worth from 8,000*l.* to 10,000*l.*, and will discharge most of his remaining debts. The Council of War request a supply from the Exchequer for repair of forts. Has told them, that the object of Parliament being to enable the King to make a vigorous defence, the expense of present repairs should be defrayed from

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their funds, and those of maintenance by his Majesty; added that there is no money in the Exchequer to do it. They declined taking upon themselves the payment of the 20,000*l.* to Count Mansfeldt, without express warrant from the King. In spite of the caution to the Spanish merchants, 20 ships are venturing there. Sir John Bourchier and Mr. Turner make the best offers on the alum business. *Incloses,*

82. I. *Petition of the Earl of Middlesex to the King. Thanks for the reduction of his fine to* 30,000*l.*, *but is utterly unable to pay this, on account of his debts and loss of office. Conceives that his Majesty, in his own judgment, thinks the other parts of his punishment enough, without the fine, and begs that it may be remitted, or at least greatly reduced, lest, after* 17 *years' service, he and his family be turned a begging.*

82. II. *Statement by the Same, of his property; viz., land in possession, value* 4,236*l.* 16*s.* 10*d. a year, and in reversion,* 2,066*l.*; *debts owing to him,* 5,000*l.*; *and by him,* 39,680*l.*; *besides* 8,000*l. required as portions for his two marriageable daughters.*

July 31. Islington. 83. Sir Thos. Fowler to Sec. Conway. Did not hawk at all before the progress, and has only killed 4 partridges since. Though the King granted him leave to hawk for the sake of exercise, will willingly put down his hawks if his Majesty wishes it.

July 31. ...lnham. 84. Earl of Somerset to the Same. Thanks for the King's licence to go to Woodcote, Surrey.

July 31. Hamburgh. 85. Deputy and Assistants of the English Merchants at Hamburg to Conway. Have considered the complaint of Wm. Hollinshed and others, about the imprisonment of Thos. Stubbing, their factor at Hamburg, and think it great presumption in them to complain to the King without first seeking satisfaction from the company. Stubbing was imprisoned for obstinately refusing to give up the property of Rich. Lambe, a bankrupt, which was in his custody, on pretence of a bill of sale to himself; he cannot be released on bail, having it in his power to procure his own release, by submitting to orders.

July 31. 86. Lord Mayor and Recorder of London to the Council of War. Certify, that Robt. Parker, alias Yeo, convicted of horse-stealing, was reprieved, by request of his noble friends, that he might serve in the wars.

July 31. [Apthorpe.] 87. [Sec. Conway] to John Coke. The seizure of Richaut's vessel at Naples is reported to be by procurement of Marquis Inijosa, because Richaut had stopped some of his moneys, made over to Geneva, for a debt which he owed him. Richaut desires reprisals on the Dunkirk ships now in the Downs. Asks the true state of the case.

July 31. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 142.]

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July 31. Apthorpe. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To take care that the King receives no prejudice in the disposition of the ward fallen to him by the death of Lady Craven. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 142.]

July? 88. Prayer for the King and Queen of Bohemia and their affairs, the Lord General, Earls of Oxford and Essex, and English commanders and troops, to be used by the English companies abroad, after the prayer for the King. Printed.

[July.] 89. Certificate that John Crane, prisoner in the Marshalsea, said that the King is an informer.

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Aug. 1. Apthorpe. 1. Petition of Arthur, son of Wm. Beswick, of Spelmonden, Kent, to the King, for protection for a year, being much involved in debts by standing surety for others, and his father so displeased with him for so doing that he threatens to disinherit him. With reference thereon. [*See Aug.* 7.]

Aug. 1. Augustine Friars. 2. John Coke to Sec. Conway. The factors in Spain, who in party and religion are Spanish, have induced English merchants to send many good ships, richly freighted, from London, so that great part of our merchants' wealth will thus be subject to embargo. The Dunkirkers in the Downs have taken in English pilots, and will try to get away. Whilst we protect them, their shallops spoil our shipping at the mouth of the river, &c.

Aug. 1. [Apthorpe.] 3. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King says that if the petition of [the town of] Stamford for exemption from payment of fifteenths be a new thing, he sees no cause to grant it; but if, as alleged, the town is in such a condition as procured for it release in former times, he will continue it now.

Aug. 1. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 142.]

Aug. 1. [Apthorpe.] 4. [The Same] to Sir Robt. Naunton. Could not get an earlier despatch for Geo. Verney, his faithful and diligent servant, the King being continually at his sports, and Naunton's friends wishing to obtain full satisfaction for him. Buckingham has now spoken to his Majesty, who will allow Naunton to use his liberty for business or recreation, unrestrained, and his Grace will take care to settle him in the place.

Aug. 1. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 142.]

[Aug. 2.] [Apthorpe.] 5. [The Same to Sir Edw. Conway, jun.] Wishes him a good passage to his regiment. Is sorry for cavils at the King's decision about the Earl of Southampton; it was not intended thereby to give the Earl any command over the other regiments, but only precedence as the eldest colonel, in order of marching, &c. In the sub-officers, the precedence is not given to knights by seniority, but to those who are oldest in the army, civil and martial honour being distinct things, the former the gift of the King, the latter inherent in the

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person, and the reward of martial worth. Any doubts are to be submitted at once to his Majesty. Will communicate the orders thereon to the noble Ambassador [Carleton?].

Aug. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 142.]

Aug. 2. Apthorpe. Sec. Conway to Lord Brooke. The King approves his proceedings with Reynolds. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Aug. 2. Apthorpe. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. Receipt of the Earl of Middlesex's petition. Thanks for his favour in Sir John Bourchier's business. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 143.]

Aug. 2. London. 6. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Lord Carew and the Chancellor of the Exchequer have agreed to the artillery contract, which only waits the Duke's approval. Hopes no further delay will occur, and begs his assistance therein. French.

Aug. 2. Apthorpe. Sec. Conway to Burlamachi. Blames him that the soldiers, on their arrival in the Low Countries, have no provision made for them, nor find moneys made over thither. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 143.]

Aug. 2. 7. Sol. Gen. Heath to Buckingham. Requests his assistance for settling the contract for Virginia tobacco, which, if well managed, will be both honourable and profitable. Sends the instructions on it by Sir Geo. Goring, who will act therein with his Grace, if required.

Aug. 2. Yarmouth. 8. Benj. Cowper to Philip Proger. Commends for pardon a horse-stealer, reprieved at the gallows, and requests that he may go as a soldier to the Low Countries. The town is willing to pay any reasonable charge for his pardon.

Aug. 2. 9. Locke to Carleton. The Earl of Bristol has gone to Sherborne, without being at Court. The Prince has sent for an exquisite portrait of himself which was there. When in Spain, the Prince laid a wager with Bristol of 1,000*l.* against a fair diamond, that he would be out of Spain in three days, and won it.

Aug. 2. Apthorpe. 10. Sir Fras. Cottington to the Same. [The Prince] thanks him for his diligence, especially in diverting the coming of the Count de la Tour. Sir Wm. Heydon's going is hastened. The King is in progress, hunting, and goes to Burghley, the Duke of Buckingham's house, but is so careful of the Duke's purse that the Court is not to go there till to-morrow. The Duke of Lenox died at Kirby. The French marriage is generally expected. It is long since letters have arrived from Spain, &c.

Aug. 3. London. 11. John Bill, printer, to Sec. Conway. Has received no books nor MSS. from Dr. Wideman, except a Commentary on the Revelation, and a treatise by Paracelsus on Alchymy. The Dean of Winchester thinks them of little worth, but the man is in necessity, and obtrudes them for reward.

Aug. 3. Burghley. Sec. Conway to the King's Servants. Invites them to Burghley, according to His Majesty's good pleasure. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 143.]

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Aug. 4. Burghley. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare Privy Seals for 50*l.*, for a person employed on service in the Low Countries, and 50*l.* for Mr. Murray, late Page to the Queen of Bohemia. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 143.]

Aug. 4. Burghley. 12. [The Same] to the Mayor of Lynn. Requests his assistance for the bearer, sent by his brother, Sir Fulk Conway, from Ireland, to recover a debt due to him from Thos. Hawley, alias Hallowes, of that town.

Aug. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 143.]

Aug. 4. 13. Sir Edw. Zouch to Nicholas. Sends him game, and wishes the messenger to bring back salt fish. Directions as to wine, &c.

Aug. 4. Chelsea. 14. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Care must be taken that the King is not abused about the wardship of young Craven. The contract for transportation of ordnance is not well enough digested to be sent.

Aug. 5. 15. Dr. John Preston to the Same. Thanks for his patience and equanimity in reference to the quarrel between himself and Mr. Micklethwait; hopes not to be injured thereby. Is thought by the Dean of Winchester a likely man to incline the people to peace, and has greatly reformed the college of which he is master.

Aug. 5. 16. Petition of Sir Thos. Smythe to the Council. Had the wardship of Henry, son of Sir Thos. Chaloner, granted to him, but—Gurley, of Cowes, with whom young Chaloner lodged awhile, seduced him to choose him as his guardian instead of himself. Asks redress.

Aug. 5. 17. Information of Wm. Davis, Collector of Customs for the ports of Sussex, that he raised 14 men to watch a suspicious bark about Pevensey, when 23 horses, laden with wool, leather, and cloth, and guarded by 20 men well armed, came to the sea side, and, after a long conflict with his men, succeeded in shipping their goods.

Aug. 5. Belvoir. 18. Warrant to the Earl of Nottingham, Chief Justice in Eyre south of Trent, to issue warrants for such deer as His Majesty wishes to bestow on the Mayor of London and other subjects, all proclamations for restraint of killing deer notwithstanding. *Incloses,*

18. I. *List of the Deer ordered to be sent; viz., to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London,* 11; *Clothworkers' Company,* 2; *Farmers of Customs,* 2; *Tellers of the Exchequer,* 2; *Navy Commissioners,* 1; *Building Commissioners,* 1.

Aug. 6. Belvoir. 19. Lord Steward Hamilton and Sir Thos. Edmondes, Comptroller of the Household, to Sir Rich. Weston, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King having commanded needful sums to be advanced to the Cofferer of the Household, towards defraying the charge of diet for

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the Marquis d'Effiat, Ambassador Extraordinary from France, and his retinue, 1,000*l.*, in addition to 500*l.* already paid, is to be advanced for that service.

Aug. 6. London. 20. Sir John Bath to Sec. Conway. Has received five wounds, lost 8,000*l.* in the King's service, and killed one of the chiefest arch-traitors to his Crown, and yet never received anything but 300*l.*, and a patent for Green Wax, which had brought in nothing, and is now surrendered. Complains that his patent for reversion of entailments has been stopped by Sir Wm. Heydon.

Aug. 6. [Belvoir.] 21. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Complaints have been made of persecutions against English Catholics. The King wishes to know how his directions have been fulfilled, which were, that though the proceedings should go on according to law, none should be executed till his pleasure was further known. With notes of similar letters to the Attorney General and Lord Keeper.

Aug. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 145.]

[Aug. 6.] [Belvoir.] 22. [The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln.] Many complaints have lately been made of persecutions against Catholics. The King remembers well his directions for stay of all executions; and as neither he nor any of the judges can be ignorant how far it is from his Majesty's gracious nature to suffer any persecution, especially for conscience sake, he disbelieves the report, yet wishes an account of the proceedings of the judges therein.

Aug. 6. Note of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 145.]

Aug. 6. Belvoir. 23. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. To send as soon as possible the articles of the treaty of Frankenthal, as the King is now resolving on that business, and is at a stand for want of them.

Aug. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 144.]

Aug. 6. [Belvoir.] 24. [The Same] to the Council of War. The Prince, Buckingham, Hamilton, and he himself have considered their propositions, by the King's command, and reported thereon to His Majesty, commending their opinions about Frankenthal, but no resolution can be taken thereon till the articles of the treaty have arrived. His Majesty resolves to send 2,250 foot and 230 horse to Ireland, making up the old companies to 100, and adding 9 more. Payments are first to be ordered for these troops, and the 6,000 for the Low Countries, and then the fleet to be attended to, unless it is more important to provide for the forts in Ireland.

Aug. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 143.]

Aug. 7. Belvoir. The Same to John Haughton. To take special care of Lord Purbeck, and restrain him in some things. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 145].

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Aug. 7. London. 25. Chamberlain to Carleton. The East India merchants were revived by the safe arrival of a rich vessel, but meanwhile one of the best merchant ships in England, freighted by Richaut, is seized, on pretence that it was bought by Inijosa, which he denies; meanwhile we see and are silent, and protect Dunkirk ships in the Downs, while they rifle ours at sea. Middlesex is called on for his whole fine of 30,000*l.*, and it will be worse for him if he do not pay; his lady is forbidden to sue further; they would resign their impost on sugars, worth 4,000*l.* a year, for 15 years, in lieu of the debt, but it is refused. The Duke of Lenox died at Kirby of the spotted ague, leaving six sons and four daughters; he was honourably buried at Westminster. Sir Wm. Cope is removed from Oxford Castle to the Fleet, and tries for leave to go to his house at Hanwell, to entertain the King, who returns that way. [Wm.] Lytton was knighted at Bletsoe, sore against his will, and his wife wept for anger, that he should come in at the fag end, two of their relatives being knighted the day before. Sec. Calvert droops and keeps out of the way, and it is reported that the Seals are taken from him. Sir Hen. Wotton went down to the election at Eton "so ill provided that the fellows were fain to furnish his bare walls." Sir Isaac Wake was taken ill at Turin. Many of our soldiers lay long stowed in ships, waiting for a passage, and in great misery.

Aug. 7. Whitehall. 26. Order in Council, on petition of Art. Beswick, recommending the King to grant him a protection for a year, to prosecute his suits for recovery of his inheritance, and to make arrangements with his creditors, his father having lately died, and left all his property to an illegitimate son. [*See Aug.* 1.]

Aug. 8. 27. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The judges being out of town, cannot yet report their answer about recusants, who are a deceitful and complaining race; none have suffered death this last circuit, and the judges were so schooled before they left that none of them will go farther than compelled by his oath. The messengers of the High Commission have never been so bridled before with instructions about Catholics, for whose ease, in the opinion of most men, the King is too careful. The only possible cause of complaint they can have is, that some of the judges, according to their oath and duty, may have ordered the names of recusants to be presented.

Aug. 9. Inner Temple. 28. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. Has not violated His Majesty's gracious directions relative to Catholics, nor even entered ordinary proceedings against them. What the judges have done in their circuits cannot be ascertained till their return. The Court of Exchequer has merely issued the ordinary commissions about their goods and lands, which were sent yearly, before the late connivance. None of the King's officers have received any complaints, and those made will prove to have been groundless.

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Aug. 9 ? 29. Memorandum [by Sec. Conway] for a letter to be written by the King to the French King, that, in contemplation of the marriage, all convenient favour shall be shown to Roman Catholics, as long as they conduct themselves well.

Aug. 9. Thistleworth. 30. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Has sent to the Council of War for the articles of the Frankenthal treaty, and will forward them. Has received despatches from Sir Thos. Roe, who has not yet received those sent him in April last.

Aug. 9. Mansfield. 31. Sir Thos. Gerard to Buckingham. Begs despatch of his petition, delivered at Belvoir; will be ruined if directions are not given to stay the sheriff's proceedings till the cause can be impartially heard.

Aug. 9. Mint, in the Tower. 32. Certificate addressed to Council by the Officers of the Mint that three refiners named will be sufficient, both for the use of the Mint and the Goldsmiths' Company, and that five tons of saltpetre in the year will suffice for the process of refining.

Aug. 10. Newark. 33. Sir Lewis Lewkenor to Sec. Conway. Requests a warrant for the French Ambassador to hunt in some of the parks about London, on his way to Woodstock.

Aug. 10. Burghley on the Hill. 34. Buckingham to the Same. The King is resolved to put his shipping in readiness, as far as supplies allow, and to have the militia in order, and certain numbers of the trained bands ready at an hour's warning. Recommends Sir Thos. Gerard, whose estate he much pities, to his protection.

Aug. 10. Augustine Friars. 35. John Coke to the Same. The Spanish Ambassadors' dealing with Richaut shows their crafty malice in oppressing their own creature, when he has served their turn. Thinks Don Carlos should be charged with his fraud, whilst the four Dunkirkers are in our power in the Downs. Richaut is liable to a Star Chamber censure, for purchasing part of a ship, being an alien. *Incloses,*

35. 1. *Don Carlos de Colonna to Peter Richaut. He has done ill in stopping at Genoa the money remitted to Marquis Inijosa, on which account his ship, the St. George, is stayed by the Viceroy of Naples, and will not be released till the money is paid, Inijosa not being responsible for the* 100 *pieces of artillery which Count Gondomar bought. London, July* 31.

Aug. 10. Inner Temple. 36. Sol. Gen. Heath to Mr. Chesterman and Mr. Wilde, Secretaries to Conway. Sends them, for expedition's sake, a warrant to be signed for Art. Beswick's protection. He having fallen into debt, his father left lands worth 1,000*l.* a year to a bastard child, whereby he is ruined, if he cannot obtain some alteration. He wants the protection at once, that he may attend his father's funeral, and will give them for it what he would have given to a Master of Requests, but that time is pressing.

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Aug. 11. [Belvoir.] 37. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Rich. Bingley. The Dunkirk ships now in the Downs are to have a month's additional victuals. He is to assist in putting them on board, with such discretion as to avoid giving offence to the Hollanders, and to secure the victuals from being intercepted. Indorsed is part of a letter of recommendation from the King in behalf of Pat. Scott.

Aug. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 145.]

Aug. 11. Rufford. The Same to Lady Leek. On the differences between her and her son-in-law, his professions and offers, &c. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 145.]

Aug. 11. Rufford. The Same to Sir Fras. Leek. Recommends him to compound for and buy in some specialties wherewith a lordship of his is encumbered, by which he is disadvantaged many ways. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 12. Rufford. 38. [The Same] to Buckingham. The changes in France [by Vieuville's fall and imprisonment] alter our affairs; wishes fuller directions from his Grace how to govern himself. The Earl of Carlisle writes of "soure leaves, with private promises of sweete fruite;" he wishes to come home for four days, and the King permits it, if the occasion is important enough. Lord Kensington's private letter gives fair hopes of success. At Court "we hunt and misse, and misse and hunt and kill, as round as a ball."

Aug. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 145.]

Aug. 12. Rufford. 39. The Same to the Council. The King is informed by the Spanish Ambassador, that a scandalous comedy, in which his Majesty the King of Spain, Count Gondomar, and the Archbp. of Spalato are personified, has been performed by his players. There being a prohibition against representing modern Kings on the stage, he wonders at their boldness, and also that none of his own ministers, who must have heard of it, have not reported it to him. The author and performers of the play are to be cited before Council, those most faulty imprisoned, the comedy examined wherein it is offensive, and measures taken for the severe punishment of the offenders, and restraint of such presumption in future.

Aug. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 12. Whitehall. 40. Council of War to Sec. Conway. Send up the Frankenthal treaty. The payments for munitions, powder, and the Low Country troops, will leave no money for Ireland till the next subsidy comes in. The levies must be made by orders from Council to the Lieutenants of Counties. Advice as to their disposal and payment. Are anxious to find means, out of the present subsidy, to repair the English forts, which are unfit to bear the winter, but fear they will not be able. *Inclose,*

40. I. *List of warrants passed by the Council of War, for payments for the* 6,000 *troops, and for gunpowder, arms, and the Navy. Total,* 72,917*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

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40. II. *List of charges to be defrayed out of the present subsidy by the Council of War, for the same purposes. Total,* 18,124*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

Aug. 12. 41. Abstract of the above letter, and lists.

Aug. 12. Chelsea. 42. Sir Rich. Weston to [Sec. Conway]. Received no particular direction from the King about recusants, but was present at his charge to the judges, and has acted accordingly. Found that the course taken for their arrears, before the late connivance, was to direct commissions into each county, and signed a warrant accordingly, but nothing can be done on these warrants till they are returned into the Exchequer, when His Majesty can exercise his clemency in particular cases: a general stay of all would be hurtful at this time. Has sent for the Duke's approval, the contract with Burlamachi for sale of ordnance, as thereon depend the payments for Frankenthal, the Duke of Courland, &c. Wishes the burden of the 20,000*l.* for Count Mansfeldt to be removed by the Council of War from the Exchequer.

Aug. 12. Rufford. 43. Endymion Porter to his Wife. Intreats her not to urge him to come to her before the time appointed, as his business prevents his doing so.

Aug. 12. 44. John Pope to Rich. Marsh. The cause between Sir Thos. Pelham and Sir Geo. Newman is not likely to come to trial, as the plaintiff has neither entered issue nor order.

Aug. 12. 45. Certificate, by Phineas Pett, and three others, of the sufficiency of Rich. Gooden, to serve as a carpenter on board one of the King's ships.

Aug. 13. 46. Detailed statement [by an officer of the Exchequer] of the accounts between the King and Lord Sheffield, in respect of the annuities due to his lordship from the alum works, and of the sums received by him, or due from him for the Manor House, York, farm of the copper licence, rent of the manor of Moulgrave, Yorkshire, subsidies unpaid, &c., showing a balance against him of 4,924*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

Aug. 13. Rufford. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To confer with the Earl of Warwick and Sir Thos. Smythe, about putting Mr. Bing into the commission for Virginia, and to act thereon as is most advantageous for the service. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 13. Nottingham. 47. The Same to Sol. Gen. Heath. Returns to him, signed, the corrected Proclamation against seditious books, and the commission for a Council in Virginia [with Mr. Potts' name put out]. Mr. Pory has spared no attendance nor diligence in the matter.

Aug. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 14. 48. Locke to Carleton. The Council of War dispose of moneys faster than they come in, but no soldiers are sent for Ireland. Lord Kensington has the title of Earl of Holland, but not his patent as yet. Sir Robt. Shirley has proposed in Council some things about

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the East India Company, which must wait the King's answer. Sir Hen. Wotton is made Provost of Eton.

Aug. 14. London. 49. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. The news from France is not known. Mons. d'Effiat, after taking leave, was called back to the King. Lord Carlisle's servant has returned, but will reveal nothing. Sir Albert Morton's patent as Ambassador for France is not signed, as the King is feasting and hunting. Buckingham has promised the Mastership of the Wards to Sir Robt. Naunton. The Lord Chamberlain will be Treasurer, if his brother may take his place. Buckingham is intending to make his brother, the Earl of Anglesea, Master of the Horse, and his brother-in-law, the Earl of Denbigh, Groom of the Stole. Mr. Reynolds, Visct. Fielding's tutor, is imprisoned for writing two pamphlets, Vox Cœli and Votiva Angliæ, with which the King is much displeased. A new play, the plot of which is a game of chess, in which the whole Spanish business is taken up, and Gondomar brought on to the stage, is so popular that the players gain 100*l.* a night. —— Wilson, a relation of the Chartophylax [Sir Thos. Wilson], and servant of Sir Walter Aston, has robbed the King, Carleton's nephew, and his own master. Lord De la Warr broke his breast-bone in hunting at Lord Warwick's, with Mons. d'Effiat: he is betrothed to Sir Thos. Edmondes' daughter. The Comte de Tilliers is expected. The Duchess and Countess of Buckingham are drinking the waters at Wellingborough. Hopes soon to return.

Aug. 14. Nottingham. Passport for the Earl of Lincoln to go into the Low Countries for six months. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 15. Nottingham. Proclamation, that, for prevention of seditious, Popish, and Puritanical books and pamphlets, no books be printed, imported, or sold, unless allowed by one of the Archbishops, the Vice Chancellor of one of the Universities, or some learned person appointed by them. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 124.]

Aug. 15. Derby. Sec. Conway to Sir Edw. Moseley. To certify the true state of Sir Thos. Gerard's business. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 16. Rolleston. 50. Sir Edw. Moseley, Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, to Sec. Conway. States the proceedings in a suit in that Court between Sir Thos. Gerard and one Drake, who had an extent upon the lands of the late Sir Thos. Gerard, for which his son's lands are made liable by a decision of the Court, though not liable by law.

Aug. 16. [Derby.] 51. [Sec. Conway] to the Earl of Northampton. Asks his favour for the grant to Hugh Conway of the place of Clerk of the Fines in the Court of Wales. Has requested the King and Buckingham to forbear promising the place till his Lordship's opinion is known.

Aug. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 16? 52. Petition by Wm. Toderick to the King, for possession of certain woods by him purchased of the lessee, under the Earl of Exeter, Warden of Rockingham Forest.

Aug. 16. Derby. Sec. Conway to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Concerning Mr. Toderick's suit for a lease. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

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Aug. 16. Tutbury. 53. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. Warrant to pay 5*l.* extra allowance to Thos. Cook, who was called back, when on a journey to France, from Burghley to Derby, and thence to Tutbury.

Aug. 16. Tutbury. The Same to the Att. Gen. Coventry. To order a warrant for the indemnity of Clare, a priest, for not obeying the proclamation, and to license him to go to Bath, in case his allegation—that he was taken with a dead palsy when he should have gone abroad—proves true. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 146.]

Aug. 17. 54. Instructions [by Lord Admiral Buckingham,] for Capt. Thos. Wilbraham, appointed to the command of the ship [Mary Rose], to scour the coasts of pirates, from Dungeness to Portland. Pirates are to be taken and imprisoned, their goods safely kept, all traffic between them and the coasts prevented, &c. There is to be no contest for precedency between him and Capt. Chudleigh, appointed on the same service, both being made equal.

Aug. 17. 55. Similar instructions for Capt. John Chudleigh, appointed to the command of the Speedwell, to scour the coast from Portland to the Land's End.

Aug. 18. The Court. 56. [Buckingham] to the Commissioners of the Navy. The Convertive is to be provided with victuals and munition, and added to the ships ready to go to Ireland. Directions as to other ships.

Aug. 18. Tutbury. 57. The King to the High Sheriff of Lancashire. To stay the delivery of the lands of Sir Thos. Gerard, Bart. to —— Drake, for satisfaction of his debt, until the order of the Duchy Court therein has been reviewed.

[Aug. 18.] 58. Draft of the above.

Aug. 18. Croydon. 59. Archbp. of Canterbury to Carleton. Thanks for his favour to Dr. Jermyn. Regrets his late rubs, but all suffer alike who do "not stoope saile to that castle," though if they do, they are not certain of success. He [the Duke] stands higher than ever; cannot tell what that presages.

Aug. 19. Essex House. 60. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [the Same]. Tom Cook, a servant of the Earl of Carlisle, returning from France, says that Cardinal Richelieu, jealous of the Marquis Vieuville's forwardness in the match, has had him supplanted, that it might be more his own doing. The articles for religion, though for honour's sake at first insisted on to be the same as those agreed to with Spain, are now put in a separate treaty, which is not to be sworn to, and are worded in general terms. Comte de Tilliers will not now come as Ambassador, but as principal servant to Madame. When Cook was despatched to France, the opinion was that the match would be broken off, but Buckingham met him, took him back to Court, and had the despatches altered. A reported quarrel between Carlisle and Kensington in Paris is probably false. Sir Benj. Rudyard has a son born. Death of Sir John Leigh, Clerk Comptroller of the Household. The players have been called before Council, and

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forbidden to play till they have appeared before His Majesty. The Lord Chamberlain is so pleased with the waters of Wellingborough that he talks of building a house there.

Aug. 19. Dalby. 61. John Denham to John Baker, servant to the Duke of Buckingham. Has failed to recover his Grace's hound-brach, stolen by John Hackett, of Creeton, Lincolnshire.

Aug. 20. Barnstaple. 62. Mayor and Aldermen of Barnstaple to the Council of War. Divers soldiers have arrived there under pretence that they came out of the Low Countries, and are on their way to Ireland and in want. Suspect that they are not going with any good intention, but rather to lead mutineers.

Aug. 20. Donington. 63. Earl of Huntingdon to Sec. Conway. Requests letters from the King to certain knights about the Forest or Chace of Leicester, for better preservation of the deer, which soon fly into the country, the wood being small, and are there killed. The keeper declares that the deer killed by Sir Wm. Faunt was not a sorrel but a sore, and was shot within 100 yards of the forest. *Incloses,*

63. I. *Sir Wm. Faunt to the Earl of Huntingdon. Begs him not to believe the report of Bates the Keeper; assures him that the deer he shot was a sorrel, and that it was the least out of a number that were in Glen Fields. Is so far from making spoil of the deer, that he has only had two in two and a quarter years, and never comes within the forest. Foston, June* 18, 1624.

63. II. *Note of the requests of the Earl of Huntingdon to the King; viz., a warrant dormant to take up all greyhounds within three miles of the forest; letters to Sir Hen. Hastings of Kirby, to refrain from hunting and hawking in the forest; to Sir Wm. Faunt, to forbear shooting the forest deer, when they stray out of it; and to Sir Geo. Quarles, to preserve the covert in the Thwaites, being part of the forest, and most useful for breeding deer.*

Aug. 21. Whitehall. 64. The Council to the Same. Find that the performance of the scandalous comedy was licensed by Sir Hen. Herbert, Master of the Revels. The poet, Middleton, has shifted out of the way. Have sharply reproved the actors, forbidden their performing again till the King's pleasure be known, and ordered them to give bonds for their appearance. Send the comedy for his Majesty's inspection.

Aug. 21. The Garland. 65. Sir Rich. Bingley to the Same. Will victual the Dunkirkers as required, but they are troublesome, and never pleased. Asks whether to deliver a chest sent for the Spanish Ambassador's Secretary. Capt. Love has sailed, and is probably past the Isle of Wight. Report of six Turkish men-of-war off Scilly.

Aug. 21. London. 66. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Prevalence of a spotted fever, akin to the plague; 328 died in London last week, including a daughter of Lady Hatton, and one of Lord North, who was taken for the sake of the waters to Tunbridge Wells, which, with Wellingborough

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and other places, is lately come into note. Lady Craven's funeral was moderate for that of the richest widow who ever died in London. Young Maynard wrote a masque, which was acted before the King at Burghley, with little applause; Ben Jonson wrote one to be performed before the Prince at Killingworth, whilst the King was at Warwick. The French Ambassador meets His Majesty at Woodstock; he complains that they are serious about hunting, but trifle on the main business. Crowe and Grimes, two of Buckingham's followers, have quarrelled and fought. Sir Rich. Weston has taken Winchester House in Broad Street, and is talked of as Treasurer, Sir Robt. Pye as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Walter Pye as Master of the Wards, for the King excepts against either the Lord President or Naunton for those places; the play of Gondomar was so much frequented by all classes, that one had to be there by one o'clock to find room; they represented him to the very life, and had his cast off apparel and litter, but they depicted somebody else too, and therefore are forbidden to play at all, during the King's pleasure, and may be glad if they so escape. Reported death of the Duke of Ossuna and Prince Philibert, of Savoy.

Aug. 23. 67. Locke to the Same. Sir Albert Morton has received his commission [for France]. Sir Fras. Nethersole is lately gone thither. The Lords will meet the King at Woodstock, to resolve about sending supplies to Ireland.

Aug. 23. 68. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Has had a conference with the French Ambassador about Catholics; he urges the revocation of the Exchequer commissions against them; told him this could not be done without special letters to each county, which would raise more noise than anything done in the treaty with Spain; but on return of the commissions into the Exchequer, the King could use what clemency he pleased, and any complaints of rigour should be relieved; with this he seemed satisfied.

Aug. 24. 69. Sir John Bourchier to the Same. The Eastland merchants would gladly cease the import of potash, if they knew what to demand in lieu of it; the cheapness of the new soap makes it sell apace. Has proved his charges about the alum against Sir Art. Ingram, who says he will sell all his land rather than give up the works. Sends a note of the charges.

Aug. 26. 70. Examination of Gilbert Tonckes. Dr. Chambers, and another gentleman, finding fault with the provisions at the inn of Killingworth, threatened to pull down the sign; exchanged angry words with them thereon.

Aug. 26. [Woodstock.] 71. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Pat. Murray. The King wishes him to receive some roes, sent as a present from the King of Denmark, into Theobalds Park. Rewards are to be given to the bearers.

Aug. 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 26. Woodstock. 72. [The Same] to Sir Hen. Hastings. The King requires him to forbear hawking and hunting in the forest of Leicester, being

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informed that by his so doing, the deer are driven out of the chace, some of them killed.

Aug. 26. Woodstock. Minute of the above, and of similar letters to Sir Wm. Faunt and Sir Geo. Quarles. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 26. Woodstock. The Same to the Mayor, &c. of Kingston-upon-Hull. To take a strict course for punishment of such as destroy the game in those parts, especially one Bacon, and such others as Sir Thos. Metham shall give notice of. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Aug. 26. Woodstock. The Same to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. To mediate and compound a suit between Sir Edw. Stanley and Mr. Bradshaw. [*Ibid.*]

Aug, 27. Woodstock. 73. The King to the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. To suspend the execution of an extent on the lands of Sir Edw. Stanley, at suit of Peter Bradshaw, as the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is endeavouring to mediate an agreement between the parties.

Aug. 27. 74. Examination of Nath. Garrett. Paul Fourré, Keeper of the Dutch ordinary in Lombard Street, said, in his hearing, and that of other foreigners, that the French King had proceeded tyrannically with Protestants, and that he was a bastard. Louis Frerin, a Frenchman, cautioned Fourré against using such language, lest the French Ambassador should hear of it.

Aug. 27. Woodstock. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To swear Mr. Whittaker as a Clerk of the Council Extraordinary, [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 27. [Woodstock.] 75. The Same to the Council. The King wishes them to examine by whose direction the personating of Gondomar and others was done; those parties are to be severely punished, but his Majesty is unwilling to punish the innocent, or utterly to ruin the company [of stage players].

Aug. 27. 76. Copy of the above.

Aug. 27. 77. Draft of the above.

Aug. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 27. [Woodstock.] 78. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Returns the articles about the artillery, signed by the Duke. The King wishes for a more exact account of the Earl of Middlesex's estate. Was obliged by His Majesty to put the Chancellor's letter into the [French] Ambassador's hands [*see Aug.* 12]. The King will pay to the Frankenthal men the interest of their moneys, thinking it most just, and such other demands as are found to be equitable. Acknowledges his favour in the soap business.

Aug. 27. 79. Draft of the above.

Aug. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 28. [Rycot.] 80. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To order the bestowal of the Stewardship of Spaldwick, co. Huntingdon, void

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by the death of the Duke of Lenox, on Mr. Hill, Page of the Bedchamber, who has earnestly begged it of the King, because his estate lies within that manor.

Aug. 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 147.]

Aug. 28. Bisham. The Same to Gresley. The King is pleased to permit the Earl of Bristol to stay in the country till after Michaelmas. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Aug. 29. Bisham. The Same to the President, &c. of King's College, Cambridge. For a lease for Rich. Robins. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 29. 81. Sir Thos. Wilson to his son-in-law, Ambrose Randolph. As soon as he gets money, will let him have his due. Sends two books which show the state of the world when he [Wilson] travelled, and hopes he will read "the letter of modern Ambassadors." Wishes his daughter would write to him.

Aug. 30. Exeter. 82. Mayor, &c. of Exeter to the Council. The merchants of cos. Somerset, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall have deputed Abraham Pawle, of Exeter, and Wm. Neele, of Dartmouth, to attend their Lordships, to give further information on the two weighty points named in their letter.

Aug. 30. 83. Account of Sir Lewis Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, of money disbursed in attendance on the Marquis d'Effiat, French Ambassador Extraordinary, since July 3. Total, 366*l.* 14*s.*

Aug. 30. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To enlarge Mr. Brett, on condition of his not coming within 10 miles of London or the Court. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 148.]

Aug. 31. London. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Concerning 100*l.* to be paid to Mons. du Moulin. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 31. 84. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Is surprised that Mons. du Moulin should speak again to the King; has already given order for payment to him of the 100*l.*

Aug. 31. Boxwell. 85. Geo. Huntley to his grandson, Capt. John Huntley. Has two verdicts against the Sheriff of London for 1,000 marks, but is unable to get the money. Will give him 200*l.*, if he will come over and induce his uncle, Sec. Conway, or his cousin, Lord Brooke, to use their influence for its recovery.

Aug. 31. Chatham. 86. Survey by the King's shipwrights of the ships of the Navy, and estimate of the cost of repairs for each. Total, 8,689*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* With note, that the whole fleet, except one vessel, may be made ready for sea by May 1 next.

Aug. ? 87. List of revenues, jewels, apparel, furniture, coaches, &c. which the Duchess of Richmond freely gave to her brother-in-law, the late Duke of Lenox, and his heir, Lord Darnley.

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Sept. 1. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sends notes of some recusants now in question, for whom the French Ambassador mediates, and requires his opinion. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 149.] *Incloses,*

1. I. *List of six priests and others, prosecuted for their religion, for whom the French Ambassador's mediation was requested, and particulars of each case; with legal opinions thereon* [*by the Attorney General*], *in the margin.*

Sept. 1. London. The Same to the Recorder of London. To the same effect. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 149.]

Sept. 1. London. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To grant a supersedeas to a commission given out against Mr. Penn and Mr. Troughton, for the recusancy of their wives. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 1. London. The Same to the Governor, &c. of the East India Company. Sends some propositions of Sir Dud. Carleton, for their opinion on them. The King is resolved to give them justice and protection; they must not give up their trade. His Majesty expects their reply about his joining with them. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 1. London. The Same to Buckingham. Sir Geo. Goring is despatched to France, with order to conclude the articles, if the King's letter be accepted. Haste is inconvenient in a business of such importance. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. London. The Same to the Commissioners for the Frankenthal business. For advice in some difficulties about re-demanding the town, and keeping it when it is delivered. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. London. The Same to Sec. Calvert. Sends him the business of Frankenthal, and wishes him to assemble the Council. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. London. The Same to Mons. du Moulin. The King grieves for his illness, but assures him that his two sons shall have his benefices after his decease. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 2. London. The Same to the Earl of Southampton. On the contest for precedency between Sir Thos. Littleton and Sir John Conyers. [*Ibid., p.* 150.]

Sept. 2. Woking. 2. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Carleton]. Lord Zouch has sold the Wardenship of the Cinque Ports to Buckingham for 1,000*l.*, and 500*l.* per ann. for life. Sir Hen. Mainwaring and Sir John Hippisley contend for the Deputy Wardenship. The Earl of Somerset, who, "out of curst hart," refused the pardon he might have had before his lady had hers, is now wiser, and sues for it; it is to be granted on condition of his promising not to come to Court, or Parliament. Contention between the Clerks of the kitchen and spicery, about succession to Sir John Leigh's place. Lord Carlisle has sued for and obtained his letters of revocation from France; the result of his mission is not yet announced. Lord Percy has returned from France, and joined the Earl of Northumberland at Court.

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Sept. 3. [London.] 3. [Sec. Conway] to the Mayor of Dover. The Spanish Ambassador complains of extremely hard usage of the men from the Dunkirk ships, when they come on shore. Advises him to order speedy reformation, and have the offenders severely treated, as complaints of this sort would be very displeasing to His Majesty. Asks what has been the ground of the complaints.

Sept. 3. London. Minute of the above, and of similar letters to Lord Zouch and Sir Rich. Bingley. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 150.]

Sept. 4 Chiswick. 4. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. To remind Buckingham of his promise to give his nephew, Sir Faithful Fortescue, a foot company in the troops designed for Ireland. The Council of War will think themselves neglected, if importunity rather than merit secures the appointments of officers.

Sept. 4. London. 5. Chamberlain to Carleton. The season is sickly, the deaths last week 407; among them are young Sir Wm. Pope, Sir Wm. Bird, Sir Jas. Crofts, the oldest pensioner, and Capt. Gainford, the gazette maker. Eleven Turkish pirates have taken prizes in the Severn. The East India Company remonstrate that they cannot subsist unless better protected; they think Sec. Conway favours the other side. The hunting of Crop-eare, a noted stag, at Woodstock, was celebrated with much rejoicing. Art. Brett is released from the Tower, but forbidden Court. Of Lord Middlesex's fine, 10,000*l.* is for the Navy, 10,000*l.* for the Wardrobe, 10,000*l.* for the stable, and a portion to the Earl of Holderness. Buckingham feasted the French Ambassador at Newhall, and joined the King at Windsor; he is reported to have obtained the wardenship of the Cinque Ports from Lord Zouch. Sir Geo. Goring is gone to France to conclude the match, as Lords Kensington and Carlisle do not agree.

Sept. 4. 6. Locke to the Same. The Council of War say that they have not the power to accede to Carleton's request, having dealt already more bountifully with the Colonels than they should; but they hope Parliament will well interpret their doings.

Sept. 5. 7. Phil. Burlamachi to [the Same]. Fears lest Spinola succeed in the siege of Breda, but hopes the success at Brazil will lead the Spaniards back to defend their own. The disputes on precedence should have been settled here, before our gallant spirits left. The Earl of Essex writes that they are going to undertake some exploit. Three ships under Sir Thos. Button are going to Ireland, and are thought sufficient to bridle in the people, as they cannot expect much help from Spain. Mansfeldt is in France, where they are disposed to do something if we will help them. Sir Geo. Goring is gone to Paris, to settle contests between the Earl of Carlisle and Lord Kensington, on the marriage proceedings. The King of Denmark's conduct makes us regret the past, and hesitate whether to re-demand Frankenthal, or to tell the good people to make the best terms they can with the Emperor, or Duke of Bavaria. Lord Zouch is about to cede the wardenship of the Cinque Ports, on composition, to Buckingham, who will have the lieutenancy of Kent, void by death of the Duke of Lenox. Sir

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Rich. Weston is talked of as Treasurer, and Sir Robt. Pye as Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. Lord Bristol makes an attack in self-defence. Applauds Carleton's resolution in his own private business, as it is never well to set a father against a child. Regrets the little satisfaction given for the Amboyna affair, and the indiscretion of our merchants in sacrificing everything to revenge. The Queen [of Bohemia] must write urgently about her payments. French.

Sept. 5. Chelsea. 8. Earl of Middlesex to [Buckingham]. Has had proof of his Grace's power to do him good, exercised on his knowledge of him after many years' trial, and also of his power to do him harm, when made angry by the misinformation of villains. Begs he will not ruin a friend and kinsman, without letting him know the cause. Implores for an opportunity to justify himself, having done so successfully in two previous instances, in which he was allowed to clear himself from false informations. Acknowledges and regrets his stiff and high carriage, in justifying himself unseasonably after overtures of reconciliation, and confesses that malice might easily suppose he had a hand in Brett's return. Has already paid dearly for his faults and implores his Grace, by his hope of mercy, to give him the opportunity of telling him the truth. [*Indorsed as addressed to Sec. Conway, but the nature of the contents, and the title of "your Grace," show that it was written to Buckingham.*]

Sept. 5. Woking. Sec. Conway to Sir John Fenwick and Sir Wm. Lambton. Gives them the King's directions on the disposal of the three daughters of Sir Hen. Wodrington. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 150.]

Sept. 5. Woking. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Returns the warrant for wines, signed. Directions for a Privy Seal for 1,000*l.*, as a free gift to the Duchess of Lenox. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 5 ? 9. Catherine Duchess of Lenox to Sec. Conway. Regrets i s sickness, and thanks him for influencing the King in her behalf.

Sept. 5. Woking. Sec. Conway to Lord Denbigh. To examine whether a warrant for a huntsman's livery was not allowed last year. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 150.]

Sept. 5. Woking. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To consider of a suit for leave to make a new wharf, &c. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 150.]

Sept. 6. Windsor. The Same to Sir Thos. Middleton. To attend the King on Monday next. Recommends Mr. Maynard. [*Ibid., p.* 151.]

Sept. 6. Woking. 10. The King to ——. To attend him at Havering on Sunday next, for a conference.

Sept. 6. Dover. 11. Mayor of Dover to Lord Zouch. In reference to certain complaints made against him, explains, that a Flemish sailor, petitioning the overseer resident in the town for pay, was beaten by him; on which he, the Mayor, summoned the overseer, and, on his refusing to appear, sent him word that it was unlawful to strike any one, and that he must punish the offence, if repeated. Also, that, as to a Holland ship being allowed to seize some sailors of Dunkirk, from a vessel in

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sight of the town, those sailors were taken, but not until the vessel in which they sailed was half way across the sea. *Annexed is,*

11. I. *Statement of complaints made by the crews of the Spanish ships in the Downs against Sir Rich. Bingley, for refusing to interfere to prevent the Holland vessels mixing with theirs, so that the cables become entangled, and for not permitting them to take up materials for repair of their vessels. Also of the complaints against the Mayor of Dover, to which the above is a rejoinder. French.*

Sept. 6. Tower. 12. [Sir Allan Apsley to Council]. Has received no reply to the letter sent to the Auditor of the Exchequer. Can show them the precedents in their own records, and is anxious to have the matter settled, before the King's coming to town occupies the Chancellor of the Exchequer. *Prefixed is,*

12. I. [*Buckingham (?) to an Auditor of the Exchequer.*] *Sends precedents produced by Sir Allan Apsley, Surveyor of Victuals, in reference to his accounts, and begs him to compare them with the accounts, and certify to their accuracy. Indorsed is,*

12. II. *Note of precedents of payments made to the Surveyors of Victuals in Queen Elizabeth's time, above their usual allowances, for increase in prices of victuals, &c., and also of the advance of* 2,500*l. for stock beforehand. With foot-note, added later* [*by Nicholas*], *of similar allowances made in* 1617 *and* 1624.

Sept. ? 13. Sir Art. Ingram to [Sec. Conway]. Ought only to bear one third of the penalty for not making the quantity of alum agreed on, the patent being to Martin Freeman and Geo. Lowe, as well as to himself. Has brought the works into so good condition that they are worth 3,000*l.* a-year to him, therefore considers the twelve years of his patent still unexpired worth 12,000*l.* Is willing, for the time past, to lose 6,000*l.* Has paid the King 14,000*l.* for 12,000 tons of alum left unsold, and now his right to sell it is questioned.

Sept. 6. 14. Sir John Bourchier to Sec. Conway. Hoped, that, having brought in Sir Art. Ingram as debtor to the King for large sums, his task about the alum would go on well; but now hears that Mr. Turner has gone to Windsor, to make an offer for the works, which Sir Arthur still holds at a rent of 10,000*l.*; whatever Mr. Turner offers, will add 1,000*l.* a year to it, with good security, to obtain the works.

Sept. ? 15. Propositions of Sir Art. Ingram, concerning the alum works. Having yielded to the principal terms of a contract to leave a quantity of implements and materials for alum, enough to make 1,800 tons yearly, is willing that the works be now offered to any who will undertake them, and will repair the houses, and surrender the stock, but, in regard of his expenses and losses, begs to have time allowed for it.

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Sept. ? 16. Sir Art. Ingram to [Sec. Conway]. Having consented to give up [the alum works], is willing to repair the houses at his own expense, though he found them much decayed, and to supply such stock as is required by his lease, though it has almost twelve years to run, on condition of being burdened with no further charge, having already sustained great loss thereby.

Sept. 7. 17. Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to Sec. Conway. Has released the coachman on bond, and stayed the indictment against Cowles, if he will go beyond seas. Will release the Irish woman at once, if required. *Incloses,*

17. 1. *Sir Martin Lumley, Lord Mayor, and Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, to the King. Barth. Backhouse, drinking at a tavern with Parbury and Middleton and his wife, quarrels arose between Backhouse and Parbury about the cruelties of the Hollanders in the East Indies towards the English, &c., and they came to blows, but were parted, when Backhouse, meeting with Parbury afterwards, at Middleton's house, struck him a sword blow, of which he died. Sept. 7.*

Sept. 7? 18. Lord Steward Hamilton to Sec. Conway. Has solicited a reprieve for Backhouse, if he be found guilty of murder, the quarrel arising because he said that our men put to death in the Indies were unjustly and cruelly used by the Hollanders.

Sept. 7. Letter to the Lord Mayor of London, recommending — Cocker to be admitted Common Hunt of London, in reversion. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 8. Windsor. Sec. Conway to Lord Zouch. Concerning Richardson and Read, stayed and imprisoned at Dover. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 151.]

Sept. 8. Windsor. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Directions that bail should be taken for Richardson and Read. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 9. Whitehall. 19. Fees due to His Majesty's servants for the knighthood of Sir John Coke; total, 48*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* With note of receipt of part of the same.

Sept. 9. Grant to Prince Charles, second son of the Prince Palatine of the Rhine, his Majesty's grandchild, of an annuity of 2,000*l.*, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 9. Warrant to pay to Katherine, Duchess Dowager of Lenox, 1,000*l.*, of the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 9. Warrant to pay to Peter Moulin 100*l.*, of the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 9. Discharge to Wm. Cowper, Collector of the imposition of 3*l.* per tun on wines in the port of London, for 328*l.* 10*s.*, moneys charged on his account, but not received by him, of which 214*l.* 10*s.* is to charged to the merchant who failed to pay it, and allowance to him

of 200*l.*, as his fee for that collection, ended at Michaelmas, 1622. Also allowance to him, out of his account of the later imposition of 20*s.* per tun on wines for the year ending Michaelmas, 1624, of 6,334*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, which sum the King has been pleased to remit to divers English merchants, on their petition, out of the former imposition of 3*l.* per tun. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 9. Warrant to deliver to Wm. Darrell, appointed Huntsman in place of Rich. Munday deceased, cloth, &c., for his yearly livery. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 9. Grant to Lawr. Heysey of a waiter's room in the Tower, after the placing of former grantees. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 10. Dieppe. 20. M. de Montigny, Governor of Dieppe, to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Thanks for obligations and professions of service; asks renewal of the fishing licences for the French King, that he may be supplied during Advent and Lent. French.

Sept. 10? 21. [Lord Zouch to M. de Montigny.] Professions of service. Has renewed the licences, but begs that none may fish unlicensed, as the English complain that the fisheries in the Sowe are destroyed by the number of Frenchmen fishing with small nets.

Sept. 10. Arundel House. 22. Earl of Arundel and Surrey to Sir Thos. Roe. Recommends Wm. Petty, who loves and understands antiquities, books, medals, and stones, and desires to travel and see Turkey.

Sept. 10. Loughton. 23. Earl of Leicester to Sec. Conway. Recommends Fras. Woodhouse, an able man, for a place in one of the companies going to Ireland.

Sept. 11. Charing Cross. 24. Sir Robt. Naunton to the Same. The accounts of Ambassadors Extraordinary, for transportation and secret services, were formerly given in detail, but lately have been given in the gross, and signed by a secretary.

Sept. 11. 25. Copy of the above.

Sept. 11. 26. Locke to Carleton. Hopes the Council of War will alter their resolution about their reply to Carleton. The Commissioners about Frankenthal re-demand the town according to treaty. There are daily complaints against the Dunkirkers. The subsidy moneys come in slowly; 30,000*l.* is yet wanting of the first subsidy.

Sept. 12. Havering. 27. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Recommends Wm. Lundie, an ancient, well-deserving minister, for the rectory of North Fambridge, Essex, because, being brother-in-law to the last incumbent, who held it but a short time, he will assist his widow and children.

Sept. 12. 28. Thos. Mallet to Sec. Conway. Sir John Townshend has relinquished all he had formerly propounded that was not liked, and now undertakes to make declarations of other things of more value, with which he may present a suit worth listening to.

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Sept. 12. Havering. Sec. Conway to the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Tailors' Company. Recommends Mr. Lounds for the clerkship of their company, and orders them not to dispose of the office till they have given an account to the King. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 152.]

Sept. 13. Havering. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Sends the names of the Committees appointed to examine the Amboyna business, andthe King's directions thereon. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 152.]

Sept. 13. Havering. The Same to the Clerk of the Council. Sends papers on the Amboyna business. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Havering. The Same to the Lord Mayor of London. States the King's pleasure about Cocker, recommended for the Common Hunt's place by His Majesty, and Smalwood by the Duke. [*Ibid., p.* 153.]

Sept. 13. Havering. The Same to the Mayor of Sandwich. Concerning victuals provided there to be put on board the Dunkirk ships. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Havering. The Same to Sir Rich. Bingley. To assist in putting those victuals on board. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 14. Newark. 29. Mary Lady Leek to Sec. Conway. Sir Fras. Leek has persuaded his father, who is out of his senses, to convey to him his estate of Hawton for a rent of 12*d.*, to the great damage of herself and her son. Begs aid to regain the land, or at least to preserve her husband's personal estate, lest her jointure be called in question. *Incloses,*

29. I. *Statement* [*by Lady Leek*] *of the outrageous conduct of Mr. Leek towards herself and her sister, and of the proceeding of Sir Francis in procuring a conveyance of Hawton, and a lease for present possession, his father understanding that he would pay him* 1,500*l. a year for it, whereas the lease only agreed for payment of* 12*d.; also that Sir Francis spoke contemptuously of her and her kindred.*

29. II. *"Remembrances concerning the Lady Leek." To ask Mr. Hampson if his extent on Hawton is satisfied, and to request him not to pass his statute to any; also to question Sir Fras. Leek on his disrespectful language to Lady Leek.*

Sept. 14? 30. Rich. Senhouse, Bp. elect of Carlisle, to his brother Middleton. Mr. Mayplett, Prebendary of Carlisle, is dead. Advises him to obtain a grant of the prebend from the King; his own congé d'elire being but just gone down, fears he will not have time nor power to confer it on him. There are but four prebends, and much revenue among them.

Sept. 15. Licence to Sir Fras. Wyatt, Governor of Virginia, to return to England for his own private business, on the death of his father, with power to Sir Geo. Yardley to be Deputy Governor, or, on his death, Mr. Harvy, or, failing him, any one of the Council there chosen by the majority. [*Docquet.*]

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Sept. 15. Grant, with survivorship, to John Gilbert and Edw. Greene, of the office of Chief Graver of the Mint, and Graver of the King's seals, ensigns, and arms, in place of Wm. Holle, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Warrant to the Wardens of the Mint, to cause as many angels of gold to be coined as shall be required by the Keeper of the Privy Purse, for His Majesty's use in healing the King's evil. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Grant to Jasper Dartnoll and others, of 2,483*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, in recompence for their surrender of certain leases of the Tower Wharf, and of their charges in repair of the same; to be levied by Rich. Putto out of 63 debts due to the Crown, the remainder of the said debts to come to the King's use. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Charter of creation of Lord Kensington as Earl of Holland, notwithstanding his non-performance of the ceremonies belonging thereto, being employed on the King's service in France. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Grant to Wm. Field of pardon for manslaughter of Wm. Sturton. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to admit Roger Pollard to the place of Warder, void by decease of Chris. Long. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Grant to Nath. Greenhill of an almsroom in Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 15. Havering. Sec. Conway to the Master, &c. of the Merchant Tailors' Company. On behalf of Mr. Lounds, to be Clerk of the Company. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 153.]

Sept. 16. Bramsell Park. 31–33. Licences from Lord Zouch, Warden of the Cinque Ports, to Charles de la Mare, Louis Flouest, and Antoine Pollet, of Dieppe, to fish in the Sowe and on the English coasts. With notes of their enrolment at Dover, Sept. 22, and at Rye, Sept. 24. Three documents.

Sept. 16. 34. Locke to Carleton. Fears the Council of War will alter their resolution about sending money to Carleton, although Sir John Ogle labours to persuade the others to allow it, as the soldiers never had apparel.

Sept. 17. 35. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Earl of Holderness. Has examined the accusers of Robinson, now of Yorkshire, formerly of London, who charged him with an unnatural crime, but finds it was merely a conspiracy to extort money from him. Drew a pardon in the least offensive manner possible, but thinks the prosecution is dropped.

Sept. 17. 36. Examination of Wm. Bradshaw, of Dover. The Lord Warden having lent him 40*l.* out of the harbour moneys, Wm. Leonard, Jurat of Dover, who favoured the loan, demanded 2*l.* for his influence to obtain it. Hesitated to pay it, on which Leonard offered to draw a false bill for moneys due to Bradshaw, increasing it from 7*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* to 9*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, if he would pay him the 2*l.*

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Sept. 17. Ship Garland. 37. Sir Rich. Bingley to Buckingham. The Spanish agent has landed at Deal, and is on his way to London. The combustibles prepared at Dunkirk are to be employed against the Hollanders, if they attempt to board the Dunkirkers. The Bonaventure has put into Plymouth on her return for Spain. Count Mansfeldt has landed at Dover.

Sept. 17. Ship Garland. 38. The Same to Sec. Conway. The Mayor of Sandwich stayed certain provisions purchased by the Dunkirkers, because he had no special direction about them, but has now suffered them to pass. Two of their ships came on shore to be cleaned.

Sept. 17. Dover. 39. Mayor of Dover to the Same. Thanks for his private warning of complaints made by persons employed in the King's service, of great exactions for their passage to and from Calais. The masters of boats of Calais and Dover are allowed to take a limited number of passengers; will summon the Dover shipmasters, and order them not to exact unreasonable freights.

Sept. 17. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a grant of the deanery of Gloucester for Dr. Winniffe. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 153.]

Sept. 18. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. On a suit depending concerning Mr. Brooke. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 18. Theobalds. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To advise with the Attorney General about such warrants as are fitting for the King to grant, for the ease of recusants. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 18. [Theobalds.] 40. [The Same] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. The King's pleasure is, that the two Chief Justices and the Judge of the Admiralty Court, who are joined in committee with the Council on the Amboyna business, have free voices; and that their opinions on any disputed point of law be carefully set down, and submitted to "his great wisdome and justice."

Sept. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 153.]

Sept. 18. Warrant to pay to John Banks, the King's coachmaker, 200*l.*, in part of a debt owing to him by his Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 19. Warrant to Robt. Barefoot to redress the shooting and wood-stealing, &c. in Waltham Forest, to search and take away any guns or stolen wood that he may find, and to prosecute the offenders. [*Docquet.*]

[Sept. 19.] Grant of arms to Aloisius Valeresi, Patrician, Ambassador of Venice, on his being knighted by the King. Latin. [*Dom. Corresp., Feb.* 13, 1624.]

[Sept. 19.] 41. Copy of the above, unfinished.

Sept. 19. Theobalds. 42. Warrant to Earl Marshal Arundel to restrain certain painters and tradesmen of London from painting coats of arms for funerals, without allowance from the officers at arms, whereby many foul abuses and wrongs are daily perpetrated.

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Sept. 19. 43. Note of wages allowed to the officers and crew of a vessel unnamed, by the month.

Sept. 19. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Farmers of the Customs. States the King's pleasure about certain kerseys belonging to Arnold Johnson, a poor stranger, seized for not paying custom. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 154.]

Sept. 19. Theobalds. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To assist this poor man in recovering his kerseys. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 20. [Theobalds.] 44. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. Buckingham wishes him to send a copy of the King's letter to the Pope, and of any other letters in his hands about the Spanish match, or the Palatinate treaty.

Sept. 20. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 154.]

Sept. 21. London. The Same to the Archbp. of Canterbury. On behalf of Mr. Wood, to be restored to his ministry, or licensed to go over to the Low Countries. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

[Sept. 21.] 45. Reasons detailed by the town of Yarmouth for continuance of their licence to export herrings in foreign bottoms; viz., that having far more shipping and men employed in the fishing of herrings than in the export, any restraint on the export would injure the fishery, as proved in 1614 and 1615, when such a restraint reduced the number of herring boats from 100 to 40; that the herring trade would be engrossed by the Dutch or other nations; that the town would be injured by the cessation of resort thither of foreign vessels who take herrings in exchange for goods, and the King's customs also lessened; and that the merchants of London oppose it rather for private gain than public good, as they would then beat down the price of herrings. Request therefore the continuation of free export.

[Sept. 21.] 46. Answer of the merchants of London and owners of shipping to the above reasons of the town of Yarmouth, proving the licence for transportation of herrings in strangers' bottoms to be prejudicial to the shipping and seamen of the realm, and requesting that it may be confined to English shipping. [*See Sept.* 29.]

Sept. 21. Whitehall. 47. Petition of the Muscovy Company to the Council. Show that they were the first discoverers of Greenland, called King James's New Land, and have employed many ships for killing whales, to the great benefit of the commonwealth; but the price of whale fins having fallen from 2*s.* to 2*d.* per pound, pray for remission of the tax of 2*d.* per pound upon them. With reference thereon to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and farmers of customs.

Sept. 21. 48. Sir Thos. Holland, Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk, to the Earl of Arundel, Lord Lieutenant. Finds Waybourne Hoop in a very unprotected state, the forts erected there in 1588 having been washed away by the sea. Large ships may sail close to the shore,

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and land troops; desires directions and engineers for the fortification; also that a provision of gunpowder may be sent down, as the country is very defectively supplied. Has set watches at the beacons, and ordered the trained band to be ready to march on the first alarm. A pinnace should be provided to watch the enemy; a flat-bottomed boat has lately come up to Cromer, and sounded the depths.

Sept. 23. Dover. 49. Mayor of Dover to Sec. Conway. Has forwarded the letters to Boulogne. A quantity of arms, enough for 3,000 men at least, with waggons, shot, &c., has been brought into the port by command of Count Mansfeldt, and is stored up by Burlamachi's factor. *Incloses,*

49. 1. *The Same to* [*Nicholas*]. *Information relative to the armour, &c. landed by command of Count Mansfeldt. Lord* [*Zouch*] *is to be informed thereof. Dover, Sept.* 23.

Sept. 23. London. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Nottingham. On behalf of Mr. Freeman, for a debt pretended to be due to him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 154.]

Sept. 23. Sherborne. 50. Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. Intends to settle his family at Bristol; would like to go down and buy a house, but thinks it better to ask whether His Majesty would be displeased with his going there. Begs him to pacify the Duke, whom he will serve in anything not wronging his own honour. Thinks it unwise to stir up former affairs for the ruin of an honest servant of His Majesty, who doubts not but he shall prove himself an honest man.

Sept. 23. 51. Copy of the above.

Sept. 23. Stamford. 52. Corporation of Stamford to the Same. Thanks for his letters to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about releasing them from payment of the fifteenths. The Chancellor promised to speak to the King, who has given a favourable answer. Requests him to continue his influence in their behalf.

Sept. 23. Theobalds. 53. The King to the Bailiffs, &c. of Yarmouth. Warrant to deliver Thos. Belson, convicted of horse-stealing, but reprieved, as being young and penitent, to be employed in the Low Countries under Sir Wm. Heydon.

Sept. 24. 54. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Is informed, that, under colour of the processes out of the Exchequer against recusants, divers Under Sheriffs and others have seized their goods, and sold them much below their value; he is to order all officers to abstain from selling their goods, and only to make a good appraisement of them, and then re-deliver them to the owners on bond, and to return the money already raised by such sales.

Sept. 24. Letter to Lord Denny, Sir Fras. Barrington, and Sir Thos. Fanshaw, requiring them to examine Sir Wm. Smithe, jun., and others, touching a riotous assembly of armed men, held near the house of his father, Sir Wm. Smithe, of Hill-Hall, Essex, either to destroy the King's game, or execute some other unlawful action; the offenders are to be bound over to appear when the King directs. [*Docquet.*]

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Sept. 25. Newark. 55. Mary Lady Leek to Sec. Conway. Will follow his directions in all that concerns herself and her son; but Mr. Leek has relented from his fury, and estated Haughton upon her son.

Sept. 25. 56. Locke to Carleton. The Council of War have not yet answered Carleton's letters, but Lords Chichester and Carew think that, as he has furnished the soldiers, the money should be ordered.

Sept. 26. London. 57. Dud. Carleton to [the Same]. Has reminded Buckingham that Carleton is the only Ambassador who has served without reward; he promises to consider of it, but his words were few and short. He patronizes Sir John Coke to succeed Calvert in the secretaryship. His building at York House is almost completed. Asks whether the marbles should be given him; they are valued at 400*l.* There will be want of money to pay the troops, as the subsidy is almost spent.

Sept. 27. Bramsell. 58. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. There is no speech of his assurance being confirmed. The suspense is very troublesome. Wishes Nicholas well, and hopes to hear from him.

Sept. 27. [London] 59. [Sec. Conway] to Lady Mary Wroth. Recommends Mr. Harding, who has carefully brought up a young son of his, and who solicits payment of a debt due to him from her Ladyship.

Sept. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 155.]

Sept. 27. London The Same to the Justices of Assize for Cheshire. On an insolency committed against two Justices; the parties are to be apprehended, and the trial deferred till Easter assizes. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Sept. 27. Aston. 60. Robt. Fletcher to Sec. Conway. Will abide by his agreement, and allow his wife 6*l.* a year for herself, but, finding her careless of her children, will attend to their breeding himself.

Sept. 28. 61. Muster roll of the garrison of Arch-cliff Bulwark, under Capt. Jas. Barker.

Sept. 28. Warrant to discharge the Duke of Buckingham of 400*l.*, advanced to him for horses for the King's use; also to pay to him 22*l.* 1*s.*, due on his account, and to advance to him 400*l.* for further provision of horses. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 28. Grant to Dr. Winniffe, the Prince's Chaplain, of the deanery of Gloucester. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 28. Warrant to deliver to Rich. Phipps, appointed Huntsman in place of Ant. Brockenbury, apparel for his yearly livery. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 28. Westminster. 62. Sir Robt. Pye to Sec. Conway. Sends him orders for his allowance for intelligence, and will do his best about the money, but has orders already for 2,000*l.* more than he has money for. Ambassadors are now only to have 400*l.* instead of 500*l.*, and agents 300*l.* instead of 400*l.* a year for intelligence, and certain rates for transportation.

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Sept. 28. London. Sec. Conway to John Packer. To remind the Duke to appoint a ship for the Spanish Ambassador, and to give him a warrant for export of 12 horses, and 2 horses for Sir Wm. Van der Moyden. *Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 155.]

Sept. 29. London. The Same to the Surveyor and Receiver of Windsor. To shut up the passages through the vineyard there. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 29. Caveat entered by command of the King in the Office of the Signet, that no further grant be passed of a prebend in Windsor, except for Mr. Colling. [*Dom. Corresp., Oct.* 7, 1626, *No.* 51.]

Sept. 29. Yarmouth. 63. The Customer and Comptroller of Yarmouth to the Council. Before receipt of their order of Sept. 21, not to allow the shipping of herrings in foreign vessels, had given licence as usual to some merchants, who cannot therefore now be stayed.

Sept. 30. 64. [The Council] to the Lord Admiral. To put in readiness such ships as are requisite, to seize some ships of the Dutch East India Company, according to the advice of Council, on account of the execution at Amboyna; if the ships offer no resistance, their goods and men are to be preserved, and well treated till further order.

Sept. 30. Hampton Court. 65. Petition of Derrick Host and others to the King, showing that they brought in quantities of hops, and were not allowed to land them without paying new and heavy impositions, or entering bonds for the same, which they did, in hope of removal of the imposition, but have been disappointed, and now they are pressed for the money. Request relief from the imposition, and re-delivery of their bonds. With order thereon granting the petition; and note, from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Attorney General, requesting a warrant thereon.

Sept. 30. 66. Muster roll of the garrison of Sandown Castle, under Capt. Chas. Glenham.

Sept. 30. 67. Copy of the above.

Sept. 30. 68. Muster roll of the garrison of Sandgate Castle, under Capt. Rich. Chalcroft.

Sept. 30. Callaley, Northumberland. 69. Sir John Clavering, High Sheriff of Northumberland, to Sec. Conway. In execution of the King's commands, demanded the daughters of the late Sir Hen. Wodrington from their uncle, Roger Wodrington, and wrote to Sir John Fenwick and Sir Wm. Lambton to receive them, but Sir Wm. Lambton, being far away, did not come, and those of them who were of age to choose their tutor, having chosen Lambton, refused to go with Sir John Fenwick.

Sept. 30. London. Dud. Carleton to Sir D. Carleton. Sir Robt. Naunton is made Master of the Wards. The King allows as many of the Holland East India ships to be taken as will satisfy the East India merchants for the wrongs done them. Mr. Botru is sent from France, to compliment the Prince on recovery from his fall at

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Enfield Chace. If Carleton wishes to present the marbles [to Buckingham], the opportunity is fitting, as the front of York House towards the court is to be new built, and the gate would be suitable there. Death of Sir Mich. Dormer. [*Holl. Corresp., Sept.* 30, 1624.]

Sept. 30. London. 70. Dud. Carleton to John Chamberlain. The King arrived in town last night, but before going to Whitehall, conferred two hours with Buckingham at Wallingford House, after which Sir Robt. Naunton, now Master of the Wards, was sent for. Count Mansfeldt is about to depart for Holland, aided by England, France, Savoy, and Venice. Breda is blockaded, and the Prince of Orange advancing to its relief. The Hollanders' West India fleet is setting sail, and will be before that of Spain, which lacks both men and money, till their Brazil fleet comes in. They are preparing ships to rescue the Dunkirkers in the Downs, or, some say, to attack England. A ship of Conde de Lemos, Viceroy of Sicily, worth 50,000*l.*, was taken by a Zealander, and some relics found in it burnt, though they offered to ransom them. The French match is concluded. The Prince has not quite recovered his fall. Buckingham goes for France, but Lord Carlisle returns home first, that the Duke may have fewer partakers of his glory.

Sept. 30. Hampton Court. 71. The King to Sir Wm. Curteen. Recommends the son of Sir Rich. Fleetwood, Baron of Newton, as a fit match for one of his three daughters, and will take as a favour any increase of portion which he may give to that one, beyond what he intended or will give with the other two.

Sept. 30. 72. John Pope to Rich. Marsh. The cause is appointed to be tried the day after All Saints' Day.

Sept. 30. Grant to Sir Robt. Naunton of the office of Master of the Wards, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Grant to Wm. Noke, on surrender of Ant. Bassano, of fees and livery, as one of the King's musicians. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Confirmation to the Bailiffs, &c. of Droitwich, co. Worcester, of their former liberties, with change of the market and court days, and certain additional privileges specified. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Warrant for watch liveries for the guard and others, for the present year. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Warrant for payment to the huntsmen who attended the King in his last progress, from Midsummer to Michaelmas, of the reward given them by his Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Grant to Markham Thorold and five others of pardon of all censures, fines, &c. in the Ecclesiastical Courts and Star Chamber, for the stealing away of Mary Havers, and her clandestine marriage with Thorold, for which offence five of them have been indicted, but were acquitted. [*Docquet.*]

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Sept. 30. Warrant to the officers of the Exchequer, to accept from Sir Wm. Russell assignments of the debts due to him, to be recovered in the King's name, towards payment of his debts due to the Crown, by reason of his office as Treasurer of the Navy. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Grant to Jas. Johnstone of licence to set up and keep a wharf at Chertsey, on the river Wey, for convenience in carrying goods on that river and the Thames, reserving a rent of 10*s.* to the Crown. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Warrant for delivery to Paul Stacy, appointed Huntsman in place of Augustine Griggs, of yearly apparel. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 30. Lease in reversion to John Tunbridge of messuages, &c. in Eton, co. Bucks, value 11*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* [*Docquet.*]

Sept. ? 73. Bill of John Bond, Messenger of the Chamber, for the diet, lodging, journeys to court, &c. of Carolo Caymo, a Milanese, from June 15 to Sept. 11. Total, 29*l.* 2*s.*

Sept. ? 74. Discourse upon the mischievous designs of Romanists against England, the probability that Spain is now projecting a descent upon England or Ireland, and the steps needful to be taken to prevent it.

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Oct. 1. Paris. 1. Earl of Holland to Sec. Conway. Hears that, in his absence, Sir Allan Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower, encroaches upon his right as Captain of the Guard, by disposing of the Warders' places in the Tower, on pretext of danger from admitting those chosen by another. Thinks that, having command of the guard of the King's person, he may be trusted with that of his prisoners.

Oct. 1. Whitehall. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw up a bill for Mr. Typper. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 156.]

Oct. 1. 2. Muster roll of the garrison of Dover Castle.

Oct. 1. 3. Muster roll of the garrison of Mote's Bulwark, under Captain Thos. Fyneux.

Oct. 2. Beaconsfield. 4. Dr. Jo. Andrews to Dr. Farmery, Chancellor to the Bp. of Lincoln. Notwithstanding the orders given by the Vicar General at the visitation at Amersham, no pews in this church have been taken away or lowered, no doors leading into the churchyard stopped up, and the people still lie in their pews, sit with their hats on, and neither kneel at the Litany nor bow at the name of Jesus. The names of such as kept a muster in the churchyard are given in, but the Deputy Lieutenants threaten vengeance on those who gave the information. Complains also of unnecessary delays in the baptism of infants, so that the sacrament is scarcely thought one of necessity.

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Oct. 2. 5. Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath to [the Council]. Have advised that the case of Wm. Todd, curate and farmer of the tithes of St. Thomas's hospital, Southwark, and Robt. Audley and other inhabitants of the said parish, in reference to payment of the said tithes, &c., be referred to common law, and, one cause being tried, the others go according to the decision thereon.

Oct. 2. Letter to the Archbp. of York, to call before him the Dean of York, and accept his resignation, on account of his infirmities; but if he is unwilling to resign, to appoint Dr. Scott his coadjutor, with an allowance out of the revenues of the deanery, if the Dean be so content. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 2. Warrant to pay to John Rutledge, late Keeper of the North Park, Hampton Court, 100*l.*, disbursed in repairing the lodge, &c. there. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 2. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Annandale 70*l.*, which he has laid out for three gierfalcons and a jerkin, bought by the King from the hawk-taker of Ireland. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 2. Warrant to pay to Sir David Watkins, Comptroller of the works at Windsor, 3*s.* per day, with arrears, for such days only as he attends the King's service there. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 3. Theobalds. 6. The King to the Council of War. A proposition being made by Count Mansfeldt, for joining forces with France, Venice, and Savoy, to recover the Palatinate, they are required to issue 15,000*l.* to Philip Burlamachi, to assist in arming Count Mansfeldt's forces of 20,000 foot and 3,000 horse, and 20,000*l.* monthly for their support.

[Oct. 3.] 7. Draft of part of the above [by Sec. Conway].

Oct. 3. Westminster. 8. Sir Robt. Pye to Sec. Conway. Requests, for his servant Jones, the place of a post master of Chester, in reversion after Sir Peter Proby; the fee is only 2*s.* a day, without perquisites.

Oct. [3 ?] 9. Justices of Peace of Lincolnshire to the Council. Have failed to made a composition between the town of Boston and the country, as to the charge of repairing the sluices or piles of Boston, which are in great decay. The expense will be 1,000 or 1,500 marks, and, by former decisions of the Commissioners of Sewers, should be borne by the landholders and inhabitants, but the maintenance of ports being of general importance, the town might be eased by part of the expense being laid on the country.

Oct. 4. 10. Muster roll of the garrison of Walmer Castle, under Capt. Edw. Lisle.

Oct. 4. 11. Muster roll of the garrison of Deal Castle, under Capt. Wm. Byng.

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Oct. 4. 12. Locke to Carleton. John Packer will speak to the King about Carleton's return; it is said that Sir John Coke is appointed Secretary, and that therefore Carleton will be allowed to come over. The King has come from Hampton Court to London to see the Duke, who is ill. The Prince has recovered from his fall. The Spanish agent was scarcely noticed at a late visit to Court. His Majesty has consented that two ships shall be prepared to seize the Hollanders as they pass, till they have given satisfaction to the East India Company, whom he will maintain in their trade. They refuse to embrace Sir Robt. Shirley's proposals, though acknowledged advantageous, thinking the trade too great for them. Tempest near the Downs. The Hollanders attacked a Dunkirk vessel trying to escape, &c.

Oct. [3]. 13. Rich. Marsh to Nicholas. One Dunkirker got away, trusting to her speed, but four Hollanders are in chase of her; another attempted it, but, after a contest with a Hollander, returned to anchor. A terrible storm has done great damage to ships in the Downs; 20 sail out of 120 are missing. Sir Thos. Pelham's suit is proceeding.

Oct. 4. Bramsell Park. 14. Lord Zouch to the Same. Regrets his weakness. Is anxious for an answer concerning his business with the Duke of Buckingham, and wishes his other business attended to.

Oct. 4. Dover. 15. Wm. Leonard to the Same. There has been a great storm, the King's ship was hardly saved; one of the Dunkirk vessels stole away, and two others, and some of the Hollanders, are driven out of the Downs; many ships are wrecked. The new work at the pier has saved it, but some chimneys in the castle are blown down, and many houses in the town injured.

Oct. 4. 16. Examination of Dr. Jas. Chambers and John Wolfe Rumler, King's Apothecary. Were at an inn near Kenilworth Castle, and, being angry because they found no provisions, they threatened to burn the sign, when one Tonckes, who overheard them, said, "you might travel three days in Scotland and find neither food nor lodging," and spoke disrespectfully of the Scots, on which angry words ensued.

Oct. 4. 17. Examination of Gilbert Tonckes. Does not remember the words he is accused of saying, being drunk at the time, but is sorry for them, and entreats pardon.

Oct. 4. [Whitehall.] 18. [Sec. Conway] to the Prince. Sends a copy of the letter he intends to write to the Ambassador [in France], for his Highness's approval or alteration, as the best means of informing him of the progress of Count Mansfeldt's business, to which his patronage gives life. Though the King will enter into no engagement with the Count till he obtains the signature of the French King, he will assist him with 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.* on account, if the action proceed, or as a gift, if it do not.

Oct. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 156.]

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Oct. 5. Grant to Walter Morgan and Wm. Bennett, in trust for Adam Hill, Page of the Bedchamber, of lands in Langley Marris, increasing the rental from 11*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to 15*l.*, and granting to Hill the benefit of compounding with the tenants for exchanging their copyholds to fee farm. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 5. Grant to Art. Winwood, of the office of Clerk and receiver of fines, before the Council of Wales, void by death of Thos. Eyton. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 5. Licence to the Lord of Levith to travel for a year. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 5. Exeter. 19. Valentine Carey, Bp. of Exeter, and Barth. Berge, to Sec. Conway. Find that the complaints of Widow Bidwell against the city and Mr. Marshall, for detaining from her the property of her late husband, are unfounded. Have requested the corporation to relieve her, on account of her poverty, but they refuse, because by her clamours she has wronged their reputation.

Oct. 5. Dover. 20. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. One of the two Dunkirk ships now left in the Downs, in trying to get away, was attacked by Moy Lambert, and sunk, and 200 men drowned. Terrible damage done by the storm, the like of which was never seen.

Oct. 5. Dover Castle. 21. Wm. Eldred, Master Gunner of Dover Castle, to the Same. The room adjoining Arthur's Hall, the wall above the well tower, and the kitchen chimneys of the castle are blown down. The church steeple has partly fallen, and if his Lordship had not, at his own cost, put in a new beam, and repaired the roof, it would all have been down this winter. A small cost now would prevent much mischief that is likely to happen.

Oct. 6. 22. Certificate of the Justices of Devonshire of their consent that 137*l.* 10*s.*, disbursed at Algiers for redemption of 20 captives of these western parts, be repaid, with interest, out of the money collected for that purpose, by virtue of the King's Letters Patent.

Oct. 6. London. 23. Dud. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Count Mansfeldt has departed for Holland. If France and the States will do their part, he has 35,000*l.* made ready for him here; but at present the Council of War have only advanced him 1,200*l.* for his necessary charges. Marquis Inijosa has been committed to prison in Spain, for his deportment while Ambassador in England, at suit of Don Carlos de Colonna, who is also demanded as prisoner, and has gone away privately, being refused an audience. Only an agent of Spain now remains here. Buckingham is still in retirement, taking physic. The Prince is about Hampton Court and Richmond. News from Breda anxiously expected, &c.

Oct. 6. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Burroughs. Informs him that he is chosen to be colonel of a regiment under Count Mansfeldt. "Shews him the conditions with Mansfeldt, and other particulars." [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 157.]

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Oct. 6. London. Sec. Conway to Capt. Alex. Brett. The Duke has procured him advancement under Count Mansfeldt, and summons him over on that account. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 157.]

Oct. 6. [London.] 24. The Same to the Judge of the Admiralty. Requires some information about the French ships in the Isle of Man, that the business may receive speedy and equitable despatch, as the French make an excuse of it to suspend the justice required from them towards the English.

Oct. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 157.]

Oct. 7. The Same to the Same. On the same business. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Oct. 7. Warrant for allowance to Bevis Thelwall, Clerk of the Great Wardrobe, of yearly liveries, for life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 7. Warrant for allowance to Visct. Fielding, Master of the Great Wardrobe, of yearly liveries for life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 7. Warrant to allow to the Master of the Wardrobe, for the use of the stable, the sums usually paid to the Master of the Horse, to be paid to creditors belonging to the stable. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 7. 25. Locke to Carleton. Sends him a reply from the Council of War, and the Orders in Council on behalf of the East India Company.

Oct. 7. Scarborough. 26. Justices of Yorkshire to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Hearing that he is willing to discharge Art. Fish, if they are satisfied, wish to press nothing to his hurt, but fear lest the example be dangerous. Send the bond taken for his appearance at Council. With note from the Lord Keeper, that the Council should be moved for discharge of Fish, dated Oct. 25.

Oct. [7]. 27. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Sir Thos. and Lady Burton persecute young Thorold, who married the lady's daughter without her consent, by suing him in divers courts, hoping to gain the portion left to the young lady by her father; they have failed hitherto, and now attack him in the Star Chamber, for prevention of which he has obtained a pardon, but Sir Thos. Burton has gone to court to get it stayed. Requests his influence therein.

Oct. 8. Augustine Friars. 28. The Same to the Same. Hears that the Lord Keeper has orders to stay the pardon of Mr. Thorold, who now presents another petition for release of this stay. Is anxious about it, to maintain his own reputation with the King, as not having offered the pardon without knowing it to be just and honourable.

Oct. 8. Doctors' Commons. 29. Sir Hen. Marten, Judge of the Admiralty Court, to the Same. There has been no delay in doing justice to the French, but they themselves have neglected their suit. Requested letters of assistance from King or Council, not because of want of power in the Admiralty Court, but the cause being in the Isle of Man, the Earl of Derby is not likely to relinquish any privilege which by custom he could hold.

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Oct, 8. Woburn. 30. Fras. Lord Russell to the Council. Sends a general certificate, compiled from those of the Deputy Lieutenants, of the summer musters in Devonshire, and begs aid to supply some defects.

Oct. 8. Sec. Conway to Sir Isaac Wake. Sir Robt. Naunton made Master of the Wards, and the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench likely to be Lord Treasurer. The Earl of Bristol is refused leave to live in Bristol. The Earl of Middlesex's fine is 30,000*l.*, and must be paid, though he courts the Duke "in all the formes of humblenes." [*Savoy Corresp., Oct.* 8.]

Oct. 8. Dover. 31. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. Some men of Deal have taken up six great anchors in the Downs of 1,000 lbs. each, since the late great storm. The ordnance of the Dunkirk Admiral's sunken ship might easily be saved. Inquiries should be made after other goods saved.

Oct. 9. Dover. 32. Thos. Fulnetby to the Same. One of the King's ships has received great damage in the storm, and 20 merchant vessels have been cast away. The Dunkirk Admiral ship was blown up, in a contest with the Vice Admiral of the Hollanders, which sunk shortly after, but saved her men. Many anchors and cables are taken up; there will be work for the diver.

Oct. 9. London. 33. Chamberlain to Carleton. On account of the sickly season, Parliament is postponed from Nov. 2 to Feb. 15. Don Carlos de Colonna has left, without kissing hands; the new agent is much made of, and some think we are going back to Egypt, but matters go well in France. The Prince is not yet recovered of his fall; there is great tenderness shown towards him, and there were bells and bonfires on the 5th, the anniversary of his return from Spain. The Papists hold up their heads again, for though writs were issued for their arrears, according to statute, they are suppressed, and the moneys paid returned, as it is an article of the treaty that no Roman Catholic be molested for conscience. Count Mansfeldt is to have 8,000 English and 4,000 Scots, in six regiments, commanded by the Earl of Lincoln, or Lord Doncaster, Lord Cromwell, Sir Chas. Rich, Sir John Burroughs, Col. Grey, and one Ramsay; no stranger has before been trusted with such a body of English. A Dunkirker, besieged by the Hollanders in the Downs, suddenly hoisted sail, and went off, followed by four or five Hollanders, but a terrible tempest came on, and, in the confusion, the other Dunkirkers got away. Sir Michael Dormer is dead, and Sir Robt. Naunton made Master of the Wards; the Earl of Somerset is pardoned, and has taken a house at Chiswick, but promises not to go near Court. The Lord Chief Justice is likely to be Lord Treasurer, but not to live long to enjoy the place. Lord Zouch has sold his wardenship of the Cinque Ports to Buckingham for 1,000*l.* in hand, and 500*l.* a year for life. Sir John Hippisley is to be Lieutenant of Dover Castle; Sir Dud. Diggs expected it, but, though he deserves well, he gets nothing. The tempest has done harm to the bulwark and ramparts at Portsmouth which 1,000*l.* will scarcely repair. Report that Gondomar is to return, no man knowing so well the length of our foot.

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Oct. 10. Ashton. 34. John Winstanley to Wm. Winstanley, his uncle. Private affairs. His wife has the King's evil.

Oct. 11. Bramsell Park. 35. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Is glad to hear of his recovery. Wishes the matter with the Duke settled, but does not care which way it is decided.

Oct. 11? 36. Nicholas to ——. Has been prevented by illness from making a statement, as required by Buckingham, of the rights and profits appertaining to the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports. Details of information lately received from Dover about the Dunkirk ships, and mischief done by the storm. If the treaty between his Grace and Lord Zouch proceed, all the profits of wrecks since Michaelmas are to belong to the Duke.

Oct. 11. Grant to Wm. Shaw, King's Chaplain, of prolongation for a year of his dispensation to hold the rectory of Southchurch, with the Hospital of Sherborne, and the prebend of Tottenham. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 11. Commission to Lord Pres. Mandeville to be joint Lieutenant with Lord St. John for the county of Huntingdon, in place of the Duke of Lenox, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 11. 37. Sir John Suckling, Sir Geo. Paul, Sir Robt. Pye, and Thos. Fotherley, Commissioners to examine Buckingham's estate, to his Grace. Find his landed revenue 5,819*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; his receipts from customs in Ireland, the King's Bench office, Mastership of the Horse, Admiralty, fees, pensions, leases, &c., 9,012*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*; but his ordinary expenses for household, apparel, &c., with the allowance to the Countess of Buckingham, are 14,929*l.*, exceeding his income by 97*l.* His debts are 24,392*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, though 23,822*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* have already been paid off by the sale of lands; his extra expenses, as 1,242*l.* for interest yearly, 8,000*l.* in three years for feasts, and 20,000*l.* on buildings, will add 30,000*l.* to the debts. Request him to discharge them, before entering on any fresh charge of building, in order to avoid buying things on trust, &c.

Oct. 12. [London.] 38. [Sec. Conway] to Mr. Deards and Mr. Bonust. Requests them to deal fairly with Widow Wheatley, who complains that, as executors of her husband's will, which they have erased and interlined to her prejudice, they use her harshly, endeavour to turn her out of the house, &c. If she be not relieved, must use other means for redress.

Oct. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 157.]

Oct. 12. Warrant to pay to Jas. Bovey, Serjeant of the Cellar, 400*l.*, for provision of French wines and fruits, for the King's use. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 12. Restitution to Dr. Senhouse, elected Bp. of Carlisle, of the temporalties of the bishopric. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 12. Warrant to Sir Hen. Fanshaw, Sir John Osborne, and Sir Fras. Gofton, to whom certain rectories, tithes, &c. were conveyed, in

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trust for payment of Sir Thos. Shirley's debts to the King, to assign three of the said rectories to Thos. Girton, nominated by Sir Thos. Shirley, all the said debts being now satisfied. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 12. 39. Sir Martin Lumley, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to the King. Recommend the grant requested of a charter of incorporation of the Thames fishermen, as likely to prevent abuses by unlawful fishing, but, as the conservancy of the river, up to the waters of Medway, belongs to the city, there should be a proviso for saving of their liberties; also a stipulation that the charter be void if found inconvenient by the city, and that the rules of the company be approved by the Court of Aldermen [*see June* 9, 1623, *No.* 47]. With note, by Sir Sydney Montague, of the King's pleasure that a bill be prepared accordingly, dated Newmarket, Nov. 21.

Oct. 13. Whitehall. 40. Lord Pres. Mandeville to Sec. Conway. As to the complaint of the Spanish Agent, the Judge of the Admiralty is to consider whether the Dunkirkers did not, by their own attempt, put themselves out of the King's protection. The Council are satisfied that Caymo's allegations are most false, and that he deserves as severe punishment as could be inflicted on him here; as to his Majesty's wish for him to be sent to Venice for trial, since he utterly refuses to go willingly, they think it against the precious privilege of state to compel him to go, and can find no precedent for it. Of the two Irish lords, Lord Kerry cannot be found, and, as McCarthy surrenders himself to prison daily, and is on good surety, he is not dealt with at present.

Oct. 13. Whitehall. 41. The Same to the Same. Sir Randall Cranfield, Master of the Mint, refuses the King's offer to surrender his patent for a pension of 300*l.* per ann., for life; he wishes to defend himself, and stands upon his patent.

Oct. 13. Warrant to pay to Lord Pres. Mandeville 737*l.* 15*s.*, by him disbursed for the King's private service. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 13. Warrant to pay to the Duke of Buckingham, or Thos. Fotherley, his assignee, 3,000*l.*, as soon as paid into the Exchequer by Sir Robt. Pye and the said Fotherley, for the manor of Newby, granted to them in part of the grant to Buckingham of lands, value 723*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 13? 42. John Davenport to [Sec. Conway]. His ministry for six years past in London has been more public and eminent than he wished; is therefore falsely accused by some of Puritanism. Has always conformed to the rules and ceremonies of the Church, and persuaded others to do so; has also preached submission to the higher powers. Begs removal of any impressions against him in the mind of the King or Bp. of London, and either admission to the church to which he is elected, or permission to remain at St. Lawrence's, Old Jewry, where he now is.

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Oct. 14. 43. Bp. of London to Sec. Conway. Before his application on behalf of Mr. Davenport, had received orders from the King to call him in question on some points of doctrine; he is reported to be a factious and popular preacher, and to draw large assemblies of common people: finding that he had been elected to a living in Coleman Street, stayed his admission till he might know his Majesty's pleasure. Asks advice.

Oct. 14. Milk Street. 44. John Davenport to the Same. Earnestly entreats him to assure the Bp. of London that the King is satisfied with him, and to mediate with his Majesty to signify as much to the Bishop; also to procure him, if possible, the place to which he is chosen, or at least to secure his reputation in those which he now holds. The want of college degrees urged against him was caused, not by lack of ability or willingness, but of means; will take the first opportunity to recover them.

Oct. 14. Augustine Friars. 45. Sir John Coke to the Same. Lady Burton has procured the stay of Mr. Thorold's pardon, although he has the certificates of the Archbp. of Canterbury and Lord Keeper. She and Sir Thos. Burton try by untrue informations to vex him, and force him to relinquish part of his wife's portion. They want to obtain Buckingham's influence. Begs that the pardon may pass, or Thorold's petition be referred to the Attorney General.

Oct. 14. Westminster. 46. Warrant to pay to M. L'Avignon 100*l.*, as the King's free gift.

Oct. 15. [London.] 47. [Sec. Conway] to the Bp. of London. Urges him to admit Mr. Davenport to the benefice in London for which he is chosen. Is able to dissipate any doubts in the mind of the King or his Lordship about his conformity. He has led others, who disliked the Church ordinances, to conform to them. In his parish of St. Lawrence, Old Jewry, he used the surplice, the cross in baptism, and kneeling at the communion. It is a malicious artifice to call those persons puritanical who, by their gifts and graces, and acceptance with the people, can do most good.

Oct. 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 157.]

Oct. 16. 48. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Thanks for the good offices he has done him with the Duke of Buckingham, who has put new life and confidence into him.

Oct. 16. Bramsell Park. 49. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Offers him his aid in advancing his interests, but deplores losing his services. Hopes he will remain till the matter between the Duke of Buckingham and himself is settled. Is anxious about the goodness of the land offered by the Duke, and how it is estated, &c.

Oct. 16. Enderby. 50. Sir Geo. Quarles to Sec. Conway. Has not, as accused, injured the covert in the Thwaites, near Leicester Forest, by putting in cattle, but it is injured by the keepers making holes in his fences, and letting the deer get in; they mow the grass in the King's coppices, and yet complain of him for mowing his own: his servants keep none but shepherds' dogs, which do not endanger the deer.

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Oct. 17. 51. John Davenport to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his eloquent letters on his behalf. The Bishop has spoken well of him, but respites his decision, not daring to appoint him till the King's pleasure be known. Reproved Mr. Sydenham, of the Bedchamber, for swearing a year ago, and he incenses His Majesty against him. Begs to be set right in the opinion of his sovereign, two lines from whom to the Bishop would assure him his desire.

Oct. 18. Newington. 52. Sir Fras. Popham to the Same. To request speedy hearing of a suit between his son and daughter, and Sir Thos. and Lady Hinton, who attempt, by a forged lease, to deprive his daughter [in-law] of 400*l.* a year land, left to her by her late father, Sir Sebastian Harvey, having already cheated her out of any share in his personal property.

Oct. 18. 53. [Lord Steward] Hamilton and Sir Thos. Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household, to Sir Rich. Weston. Desire that 2,000*l.* may be advanced to Sir Marmaduke Darell, Cofferer of the Household, for the Marquis d'Effiat's expenses, in addition to 1,500*l.* already paid.

Oct. 18. Serjeants' Inn. 54. Sir John Davies to Sec. Conway. The Lord Chief Baron is so unwilling to seem ill, having never been ill in his life before, that he has ventured to come to Westminster, though very infirm. In addition to the other considerations for his own promotion, knows some one who would give 1,000 marks to succeed to his office of King's Serjeant.

Oct. 18. Royston. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a pardon for Sir Chas. Blunt. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 158.]

Oct. 18. Royston. 55. Warrant to Sol. Gen. Heath to prepare a bill for Edw. Dichfield and five others, on recommendation of the Virginia Commissioners, appointing them officers for searching and sealing tobacco; with a grant to them of the moiety of all fines for tobacco unlawfully imported, or, if the party cannot pay, a moiety of the tobacco itself.

Oct. 18. Dover. 56. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. Thanks for his recommendation of him to the Duke as Droit Gatherer. Anchors and other stores, recovered since the late storm, cannot be worth less than 200*l.* to the Lord Warden.

Oct. 18. [Royston.] 57. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Pres. Mandeville. A question was depending in the Admiralty Court between the Countess of Derby's officers in the Isle of Man and certain Frenchmen; meanwhile, Peter Richaut, a London merchant, had a ship stayed in Bretagne, and restitution was refused until the Frenchmen had justice. The Court of Admiralty granted the Frenchmen a commission of restitution, but the Countess complains that she was not heard in the cause, and requests a stay. There is a clause in the commission to guard her interests, and allow her to try her title by law, and bonds may be taken of Mr. Richaut, to compensate her, if the French ship be found to be her right. She deserves as much respect and favour as can be due to a subject.

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Oct. 18. Minute of the above. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 158.]

Oct. 18. [Royston.] 58. [Sec. Conway] to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Requests him to hear and examine Mr. Davenport, who is a candidate for a benefice in London, and an "eminent and well deserving light in the Church," but falsely accused of being refractory to ecclesiastical ordinances. He not only conforms himself, but has prevailed with his father and uncle, both aldermen of Coventry, to be content with the Church government.

Oct. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 158.]

Oct. 18. [Royston.] 59. [The Same] to Lord Zouch. Has told the King that the prisoner is a banished priest, who has returned, and that a writ has been issued from the King's Bench for his liberation on bond for his appearance. His Majesty's pleasure is, that the writ be obeyed.

Oct. 18. Westminster. 60. The King to Lord Zouch. Hears that he intends, on account of his age and infirmities, to give up the wardenship of the Cinque Ports, but with reservation of the profits, and that he is in treaty thereon with Buckingham, but unwilling to proceed without his Majesty's consent. Signifies his free consent to such disposal of his office.

[Oct. 18.] 61. Petition of Thos. Speight to the Council, for restoration of his pension of 5*l.* per ann., granted him for long and faithful service as a soldier, but taken away because, for better maintenance of his family, he has gone again to serve in the Netherlands.

Oct. 19. Royston. 62. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. Requires him to pay 80*l.* to [Sir Isaac Wake], sent to the Duke of Savoy and other parts of Italy, on the King's special service.

Oct. 19. 63. Thos. Mallet to Sec. Conway. Sir John Townshend offers to secure Conway 1,000*l.* a year for 31 years, if he will procure him a grant for that time of the rents for lands held of the manor of East Greenwich, and of the rents reserved on other entailed grants, which are not yet paid in to His Majesty.

Oct. 19. 64. John Davenport to the Same. Thanks that through his influence the Bishop has become favourable to him. Entreats him to complete his work of mercy, by obtaining for him an expression of the King's good opinion. Was freely chosen, not by a faction, but by the chief people of the parish. *Incloses,*

64. 1. *Certificate by the Churchwardens of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, that at a vestry meeting of that parish, Mr. Davenport was almost unanimously elected vicar, only three or four voting for his opponent, Mr. Wilson; with a list of* 70 *parishioners who attended the meeting. Oct.* 5.

Oct. 19. Royston. Proclamation enforcing the observance of former proclamations commanding persons of quality to reside in their countries, and ordering the officers of London and Westminster to report offenders. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 125.]

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Oct. 20. Whitehall. 65. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends a letter from the Countess of Buckingham to the Duke; also a letter from the Emperor of Muscovy to the King, brought by Mr. Cocks, who went thither as agent last year. Suggests that Cocks should open to the Council his mission about a league with the Muscovite, to save the King trouble, it being of no great weight, and that meanwhile he should be permitted to give the Russia Company an account of their business, which he has forborne to do, until his duty to his Majesty be first discharged.

Oct. 20. Bramsell Park. 66. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Private affairs. Likes his caution in dealing with him who is to enjoy his services. Could make difficulties in the business [transfer of the wardenship], so many wrecks having lately happened, but regards his word, and will deal nobly.

Oct. [20]. Bramsell Park. 67. Certificate by Lord Zouch, addressed to the Court of Star Chamber, in the cause of Jas. Whittaker, Clerk, v. Thos. Warren, Clerk, and others of Rye, that the cause would have been tried before himself, but the defendants did not appear; that it concerns a supposed riot ensuing on the displacing of the plaintiff, as Curate of Rye, by the Lord Bishop, and the appointment of the defendant; that the case was afterwards tried at a special sessions held in the town, and the jury ignored the bill, and that it is not worthy the censure of the Star Chamber, being an ecclesiastical business.

Oct. 21. Court. 68. Buckingham to Sir Robt. Killigrew, Captain of Pendennis Castle. Authorizes him to seize such ships and goods of the Dutch East India Company as may fall into his hands, according to the resolution taken by the King and Council, on complaint of the East India Company about the Amboyna massacre.

Oct. 21. London. 69. Mary Fletcher to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his efforts to mediate the difference between herself and her husband. Has ceased her lawsuit in hope of their success, but her husband will not comply with any of the terms proposed, nor yield to the arguments of Mr. Mallet, but refuses her help, and leaves her and her children to starve in the streets. *Incloses,*

69. I. *Thos. Mallet to the Same. Has tried to mediate between* [*Robt.*] *Fletcher and his wife, but finds the man more faulty than the woman. He refuses to allow her* 27*l. a year for herself and five children, and will only give* 24*l. Oct.* 21.

Oct. 21. Cowdry. 70. Ant. Lord Montague to the Council. Has sent both into Spain and Italy to command the immediate return home of his son.

Oct. 21. 71. Bond of Rich. Hunton, of Bushton, co. Wilts, and his son William, in 300*l.*, to Edm. Lane, of Gussage All Saints, co. Dorset, for repayment to Bennett Swayne, of New Sarum, of 105*l.*, for which Swayne stands surety for Wm. Hunton.

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Oct. 21. [Royston.] 72. [Sec. Conway] to Sir John Coke. Has told the King the good grounds which Coke has to forward Mr. Thorold's suit, as just and fit to be granted. His Majesty approves Coke's conduct, and has given certain directions to the Attorney General, but will go no further at present, being persuaded that the mother's suit is fit to be heard.

Oct. 21. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 158.]

Oct. 21. Royston. 73. [The Same] to the Same. Sir Edw. Villiers says he is far engaged in Thorold's business, and has induced Buckingham to move it to the King, so that the best way will be for Coke to accommodate the matter with the Duke and Villiers, to give them satisfaction before the pardon pass the Seal. If the matter be in the Star Chamber already, certificates will do no good, as his Majesty has promised the Duke to do nothing till it be heard, saying that the Attorney would not receive it unless it were reasonable.

Oct. 21. Minute of the above. [*Ibid., p.* 158.]

Oct. 21. 74. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. Is carefully preserving all cables and anchors, till further orders, but the men are much persecuted in taking them up, by the King's ship riding in the Downs, which threatened to shoot some of them. There is some ordnance that could be saved, if Jacob the diver had a warrant to go to work.

Oct. 22. Royston. 75. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. Her will must be done, or there will be but little quiet. Hears she is to be churched on Thursday; will be with her on Friday. She may clean his closet, but must take care of the loose papers.

[Oct. 22.] 76. Petition of Ant. Loveden to the Council, to be admitted at once to answer the accusations for which he is bound to appear before them, his business in the country requiring his attendance.

Oct. 22. Shenston. 77. [Justices of Staffordshire] to the Same. The charge brought by certain recusants against the Sheriff of the county for over hastily seizing their goods is groundless, as the jury on the inquisition have not yet given in a verdict. Those people are ever ready to slander the King's faithful servants. Entreat that some who "are soe rich in the attributes of the divell might be made an example of," as it would "make the high crests of the residue fall somewhat lower."

Oct. 23. St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. 78. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Hesitates like a child in writing Latin. Sends love to his wife, &c. Latin.

Oct. 23. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To advise with the Attorney General for taking a legal course against Sir Randall Cranfield. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 158.]

Oct. 23. Royston. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Concerning a Waiter's place in the Custom House. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 23. London. 79. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Protests his innocence of the villanies of which he is accused by the Deputies of Frankenthal, of claiming almost half their debt, as condition of paying the remainder. Would never dishonour the King by so paying a debt acknowledged by him; merely refused to pay the whole at once in ready money, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer was to settle the time of payment, &c. French.

Oct. ? 80. The Same to [the Same]. The Lord Privy Seal wishes to know the King's pleasure about Mons. Du Moulin. Sieur Vandervorte denies having accused him [Burlamachi]. Has advanced more money than he ought for M. Brenouille, as he presses for his despatch. Would not for the world be thought guilty of injustice, and prefers a good conscience to any riches. French.

Oct. 23. 81. Locke to Carleton. Private affairs. A tally is struck for Carleton's allowances. Sir Thos. Fowler, Sir Hen. Spiller, and others, have found an inquisition of concealed lands, worth many thousand pounds, but do not return it, from some informality in their proceedings. Those who share the grant of the lands with Carleton are importunate for its completion. The Council hesitate to sign the letters for the levies, because the levying of the money is not consonant to Act of Parliament.

Oct. 23. London. 82. Chamberlain to the Same. Fear lest Breda may surrender. Failure of the attempt on Antwerp. The Prince and Duke went unexpectedly to Royston, where the Spanish Agent was gone, to ask leave to recover the ordnance in the Dunkirker left in the Downs, but he returned without audience, the King being unwell. The French match goes on by fits; the lady has sent the Prince her picture, and grows melancholy when any obstacle occurs. The Lord Chief Justice is not rich enough to buy the Treasurership. Sir Edw. Barrett is likely to be Vice Chamberlain, giving for the place the reversion of his land. The Lord Keeper is ill, which much hinders the business of his court. Sir Wm. Jones is transferred from the Common Pleas to the King's Bench, and Serjeant Harvey is made Judge instead of Chamberlain, who goes back to Wales, because the Lord President and Serjeant Whitelock cannot agree. On the Earl of Thomond's death, Sir Edw. Villiers is likely to have the government of Munster, Sir Rich. Morrison, who had the reversion, being grown too weak, both in mind and body. Sec. Calvert is resigning, and Coke, Master of Requests, related to Lord Brooke, is to succeed him. A strict proclamation is issued for retiring to the country. It confines gentlemen to their houses, and almost beggars the town, where 300 or 400 die weekly of the sickness. Sir Art. Ingram was fetched up by a pursuivant from Yorkshire, where he was in all his glory, to answer an account about the alum mines, where he is found 50,000*l.* short, which is likely to ruin him. Ten or twelve of the King's ships are preparing against January, but the purpose is not known, unless it be to meet the Dutch, who will not else give justice.

Oct. 24. 83. [Sir D. Carleton] to Dud. Carleton. Does not expect to be able to come over till the East India business is settled, and does not

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wish to come whilst Buckingham is away, if he go to France; would be glad to present his Grace with his marble gate and chimney piece, if he admires the design, and the opportunity is fitting.

Oct. 24. Wallington. 84. Sir John Fenwick and Sir Wm. Lambton to Sec. Conway. Received his orders that Sir John Clavering, sheriff of the county, should seize the five daughters of Sir Hen. Wodrington, deceased, from their uncle, Roger Wodrington, and deliver them to them, to be conveyed to Lady Bellingham; Sir Wm. Lambton, their tutor, was then absent, and they refused to go with Sir John Fenwick, and are firm in their resolution not to be removed by any fair means; also Roger Wodrington, who has the whole management of their estates, refuses to attend to them if the gentlewomen be taken from him, contrary to their father's will; and no one else will undertake the charge, so that they will be undone. Request directions.

Oct. 24. Royston. 85. Endymion Porter to his Wife. Must attend the Prince to Ampthill. Desires her to be churched before he comes.

Oct. 24. Royston. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. For a habeas corpus to be granted to Sir Rich. Houghton. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 159.]

Oct. 24. Royston. The Same to the Master of the Wards. Recommends a cause depending in that court, concerning Mr. Lydiard. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 24. Royston. The Same to Geo. Verney. To assist Mr. Lydiard, and to move for Conway to have the guardianship of Alex. Emerson's children. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 24. 86. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. It is usual for the Waiters in the Custom House to sell their places, for 50*l.* or 60*l.*, and the one just dead had sold his to —— Beale, who has scarcely yet entered upon it. Clerk, who now sues for the place, would think it no reward of service if he had to buy it from Beale, who yet should have his money repaid. Is willing to relinquish his own profit thereon, his servants having received about 50*l.*, &c. Makes no pretence to granting such places, though in the vacancy of the Treasurership, the recommendation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is generally required.

Oct. 24. Canon Row. 87. Sec. Calvert to the Same. The Muscovy letters are sent to Sir John Merrick to be translated. The letters to the Lord Lieutenants of Counties for the levies are ready, wanting only the blanks for numbers and time filling up, which will be done as soon as a full council can be assembled to decide thereon.

Oct. 25. Canon Row. 88. The Same to the Same. The Council have met, and filled up the numbers in the letters to the Lords Lieutenants for the levies, of which 24 are now sent. The time fixed for the rendezvous at Dover is Nov. 30, as the levies from Yorkshire and the north could not arrive earlier. *Incloses,*

88. 1. *The King to the Lord Lieutenants of Counties. Having failed in all peaceful efforts to obtain restitution of his children's inheritance, is induced at their request to levy soldiers to serve under Count Mansfeldt, for the recovery of*

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the Palatinate. Requires them to assist in the levy, in their lieutenancies, and to follow therein the directions of Council. October.

88. II. *List of the* 24 *Lieutenants to whom the above letters were written, with the proportion of men to be levied in each county. Total,* 12,000.

[Oct. 25.] 89. Copy of the King's letter to the Lord Lieutenants.

[Oct. 25.] 90, 91. Two copies of the above letter, as addressed to [Buckingham], Lieutenant of Middlesex and Buckinghamshire.

Oct. [25 ?] Whitehall. 92, 93. The Council to the Lieutenants of Counties. Require that in the levy of footmen within their counties, the men be able-bodied, but none of them taken out of the trained bands, which are to be preserved entire, and that they be trained and mustered, ready for delivery to the captains, who will be sent to take charge of them to London or Dover ; they are to have, instead of conduct money, their ordinary pay of 8*d.* a day, from the time of their delivery to that of their arrival at the place of embarkation, calculating the march at twelve miles per day, and 4*s.* per man for coats, to be advanced by the sheriff or collector of customs of the county, or, if they refuse, by some other means, but to be duly repaid. The men are to be delivered by indenture to the captains. Two copies.

Oct. 25. Royston. Sec. Conway to the Bp. of Worcester. Thanks for his favour to Dr. Archbold's widow. Recommends Dr. Lesly for Hartlebury parsonage. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 159.]

Oct. 25. Royston. The Same to Mr. Woodford. Dr. Bargrave has made an offer to exchange a benefice with him to his advantage. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 25. Royston. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a grant to Mr. Sheldon of the forfeiture of Barth. Church, if on information, it proves suitable. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 25. Bramsell Park. 94. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Hoped ere this to have changed his style in writing to him. Will send warrants for receipt of his own allowance and the soldiers' pay, due at Michaelmas. God wills him to live in pain, or would not have let him live to hear of Gondomar's coming. Private affairs.

Oct. 25. Kendall. 95. Justices of Westmoreland to the Council. Have fulfilled their order in allowing a sum of money to Lucas, a maimed soldier, but, though he seemed satisfied, he now refuses to accept what he professes was unpaid of it, and wrongfully accuses them ; beg reference of the case to the judges for the circuit.

Oct. 25. 96. Locke to Carleton. It is resolved to have letters written for impresting men for Count Mansfeldt, The Council of War will pay the coat and conduct money.

Oct. 25. Monday. 97. Geo. Whitmore to Auditor Sawyer. Requests him to negociate the purchase of the parsonage of Staines, from Parson Willingham, as much of the land belongs to his own manor of Hottoft, if he could have his right.

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Oct. 26. Sherborne. 98. Earl of Bristol to Sec. Conway. Is bringing up his wife and family to town, fearing Conway dislikes the plan of settling them at Bristol. Hopes he is not offended with him for anything.

Oct. 26. [Royston.] 99. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Denney. Requests that Mr. Lassells may not be disadvantaged by his efforts to forward Conway's wish for a suit [about reliefs], which had been previously granted to his Lordship, and which Lassells induced his Lordship to relinquish; finds the thing does not prosper for himself, and therefore Lassells' efforts are vain.

Oct. 26. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 160.]

Oct. 27. [Royston.] 100. [The Same] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The King wishes Melvin, a Scot, to have a patent for a collection in 20 counties, instead of 16, as advised by his Lordship. Regrets his indisposition.

Oct. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 161.]

Oct. 27. 101. Certificate of the Officers of the Mint, made by order of Council, that John Wollaston is the only refiner whom they have chosen for the service of the Mint, and that he is sufficient to perform all that is needful.

Oct. 27. 102. List of anticipations charged upon the different heads of the revenue. Total, 67,716*l.* 13*s.* 0½*d.*

Oct. 27. 103. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. Denies certain matters reported of him. Has recovered from a Brighton boatman a topsail, value 7*l.*, found floating on the sea, on condition of allowing him half its value, as a droit. Divers chests of tin in the Dolphin, of London, cast away on the Goodwin Sands, might be recovered.

[Oct. 27.] 104. Petition of Millicent Conyers to the Council. Has had a long suit against Abm. Sunderland, on a contract of marriage, on which the King, in compassion of her reduced estate, gave her a commission of appeal, nominating certain persons to be her advocates, and commanding them to prosecute her cause carefully; she has 300*l.* awarded to her, and now they claim heavy fees from her, because the said commission did not expressly state that she was to pay no fees. Requests redress.

Oct. 27. Royston. Sec. Conway to Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a bill for a pension of 300*l.* a year to Mr. Maynard, out of the tobacco moneys. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 160.]

Oct. 27. Royston. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To enter a caveat for no grant to pass of the forfeitures of —— Stratford. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 27. Royston. The Same to Sir Hen. Yelverton. To certify the proceedings in Star Chamber in the Earl of Suffolk's cause, on the point concerning Sir Roger Dallison and Sir Thos. Monson. [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 28. Royston. Sec Conway to Sec. Calvert. Returns the King's letter signed, for the levies of the men. Care is to be taken to keep them in readiness, after they are imprested. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 161.]

Oct. 28. Royston. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Recommends to his consideration a proposition for settling the manufacture of tapestry. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 28. [Royston.] 105. [The Same] to the Same. The King consents, on representations made, to abandon the pretensions both of his Pages and of Clerk to the Waiter's place in the Custom House, and leaves Beale in it, wishing Clerk to be otherwise provided for.

Oct. 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 161.]

Oct. 28. [Royston.] 106. [The Same] to the Bp. of London. The King wishes his opinion on a new alphabet invented by Mr. Morley, a minister, for the more easy attaining of languages, for the sole printing and publishing of which he requests a patent.

Oct. 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 161.]

Oct. 28. Newark. 107. Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants of Nottinghamshire to the Council. Have held the musters, supplied defects in the trained bands with serviceable men and arms, and attended to the provision of powder and shot, beacons, &c. Have exercised the trained bands together, to prevent the borrowing of arms.

Oct. 28. Westminster. 108. Grant to Edm. Fortescue, on surrender of Sir Nich. Fortescue, of the office of Surveyor of the King's lands, tenements, hereditaments, &c., co. Worcester.

Oct. 28. 109. List of Documents signed by the King's stamp in custody of the Earl of Annandale, in his Majesty's presence, containing, besides other documents given elsewhere, the following :—

- Warrant for payment of 1,400*l.* to the Treasurer of the Chamber, for the Pages of the Guard.
- Privy Seal for payment to the Master of the Revels of 458*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, due on his account, and 100*l.* in advance.
- Protection for Edw. Emerson and his sureties for a year.
- Warrant to Sir Hen. Spiller to pay to David Drummond 218*l.*, out of the moneys from recusants, as the King's free gift.
- Lease to Paul Pert and Ralph Hope, for 99 years, of certain manors, &c. in Yorkshire, on their surrender of the fee farm thereof.
- Privy Seal for payment of 600*l.* to Sir Wm. Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, in recompence of his service in collecting the new impositions, on silks, cambrics, and lawns.

[Oct. 28.] Royston. 110. Warrant for release of Alex. Taylor, convicted of robbery, from the gaol of St. Albans, on condition of his serving in the Low Countries, and not returning to England without licence.

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Oct. 29. 111. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. The word "erecteth" cannot be left out of Mr. Smithsby's docquet, because the King thereby erects a new office, though it is determinable on the lives of Smithsby and Dawes, or on the ceasing of the imposition. Has requested his Majesty not to make this a precedent.

Oct. 29. Bramsell Park. 112. Lord Zouch to the Same. Recommends the bearer, who has long been bred in the wars, for a company under Count Mansfeldt. Thinks men should deserve what they have before they get it, and he is very deserving.

Oct. 29. 113. The Same to Nicholas. Is sorry the manors formerly offered cannot be had, and that they begin fresh offers, "but when a man dealeth with his betters, patience is a great vertew." The service is hindered by the uncertainty of the wardenship, especially the storing of the castles and forts, as the stores are to be received by the officer of the Lord Warden in being. Wishes a decision one way or the other.

Oct. ? 114. Statement of the revenues, privileges, &c. of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the places at his disposal, his right from wrecks at sea, &c.

Oct. 29. Ramsgate. 115. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. A cable and anchor have been demanded and seized by Sir Rich. Bingley, as belonging to his ship, though they had no mark; he takes up goods, and holds a market on board, and sells them to strangers.

Oct. 29. 116. Locke to Carleton. Buckingham begins to speak of going to France. The Lord Keeper is ill; he says he cannot always obtain exemption for Sir Rich. Harrison from the office of sheriff, but will do it this year, as he is knight of the shire. It is said that the Lord President will be Keeper of the Great Seal.

Oct. 29. Royston. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Throgmorton. To forbear any unkind proceedings against Mr. Byrne, or to certify the cause. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 161.]

Oct. 30. Royston. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To consider at the Council board some complaints made by the Spanish Agent, and certify their opinion. [*Ibid., p.* 162.]

Oct. 30. Royston. The Same to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Recommends to his consideration a petition of Mr. Glenmam, concerning some things held by Sir Nich. Bacon. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 30. Royston. 117. [The Same] to Lord Chief Justice Ley. The Duke's affection remains constant to him; and if the great work be not suddenly done, the other does not advance before him.

Oct. 30. Royston. Minute of the above, viz., "Confidence that his business will be done according to his desire." [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 162.]

Oct. 31. Inner Temple. 118. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Is of opinion that the case of Mr. Thorold is fit for the Star Chamber, and he confesses as

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much by his petition to be freed from the Star Chamber and High Commission Courts. He was first tried at Newgate sessions, for taking away Lady Burton's daughter by force, but acquitted, on proof that she went willingly. Now he is sued in the Star Chamber for taking her without her parents' consent. His pardon was sued for before he knew that subpœnas were issued against him, and till a bill is filed, a suit cannot be said to be depending.

Oct. Newgate. 119. Thos. Coles to Sec. Conway. His discharge from Newgate on bail was ordered, but the Recorder refused to accept the bail he offered, the persons being unknown to him, and Catholics. Begs that such householders as he can obtain may be accepted, and he discharged.

Oct. ? 120. Capt. John Bargrave to [Buckingham ?]. Proffers two services to the state,—one, a project for the planting of Virginia; the other, for furnishing the army with dark lanterns, to use in case of attempting a surprise. Thinks it would be of brave use in Count Mansfeldt's army, in which he begs a regiment.

Oct. ? 121. Certificate of Thos. Wigan, Public Notary, that it appears from the Admiralty records that the ship belonging to Simon Nevilla, Robt. Hue, and others, laden with sugars, &c., from Portugal, was captured by a Dutch pirate, brought to the Isle of Man, and there seized by the officers of the Countess of Derby. *Annexing,*

121. 1. *Petition of Ant. Roderigo, Simon Nevilla, and Company, merchants of Rouen, to the King. Detail the capture of the above ship in May,* 1623. *They sued in the Admiralty Court, and had a commission of restitution, but the Isle of Man being an exempt jurisdiction, beseech His Majesty's command to the Countess of Derby to restore their goods. Oct.*

Oct. ? 122. Petition of Robt. Audley and others, inhabitants of St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, to the Council. Show that the controversy between them and Wm. Todd, relative to his claim of tithes, was referred by the King to Council, and by them to the Attorney and Solicitor General, who decided that it should be finally settled by a trial at common law; notwithstanding which, Todd continues to prosecute them in the Ecclesiastical Court. Request the withdrawal of such suits.

Oct. 123. Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Boston, Lincolnshire, to the Same, for a final end to be made to the controversy between them and the owners of lands in Lindsey, Kesteven, and Holland, &c., concerning the repairing of the sluices in Boston, according to the report of the Commissioners already laid before their Lordships.

Oct. 124. Commissioners of the Navy to Sir Robt. Pye. Of the 800*l.* payable for the Navy for Oct., 500*l.* is to be given to the Surveyor of Victuals, and 300*l.* to the Treasurer.

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Oct. ? 125. Blank warrant by Sir Benj. Ticheborne and Sir Hampden Paulet, Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire, appointing, in the absence of the Earl of Southampton, Lieutenant, a captain of the trained bands for the county.

Oct. ? 126. Sir Edw. Zouch to Nicholas. Has agreed with the bearer for 16*s.* for his journey; will pay half of it, if Lord [Zouch] will pay the other half.

Oct. ? 127. Memorandum of moneys disbursed [by Nicholas] in a Chancery cause, in Michaelmas term, in the case of Lord Zouch and his wife v. Skipwith and others. UNDATED.*

128. Petition of John Clark, of Deal, to Lord Zouch, for payment of the allowance due to him from certain Holland merchants for stowage of their goods, which they refuse, because his servant has stolen some of their cloth.

129. Information, by John Clark, Deputy of the Farmers of Customs, to the Same, that Alex. Brayne, Matt. Middleton, and others, assisted in privately carrying off certain packs of wool beyond seas, contrary to the statute. Prays for a warrant against them.

130. Petition of Fras. Colinge, draper, of London, to the Same. His suit against Rich. Tatam, of Sandwich, for withholding an annuity from his wife, being referred by his Lordship to be tried by common law, prays him to stay an injunction procured by Tatam from the Chancery Court at Dover against its being so tried, or to obtain payment of the money due.

131. Petition of Margaret Collett to the Same, for allowance of a testimonial of her lawful marriage, the original of which was destroyed by an accident at Rochester.

132. Petition of Rich. Cullen, jun., of Hythe, Kent, to the Same, for redress against Nich. Osborne, Gunner of Deal Castle, who seizes his goods for the full amount of a forfeited bond, refusing his offer to pay the original debt, with interest.

133. Petition of Thos. Denwood to the Same, that Wm. Byng and his surety, Geo. Byng, be obliged speedily to pay a debt due to him, part of which is the portion of his grandchildren.

134. Petition of Catherine, widow of Wm. Denwood, to the Same, that the money adjudged as due to Thos. Denwood by Byng may be speedily paid, as it is for her children; and that Denwood, now in prison at Sandwich, may be set free, lest his charges come from her children's portions.

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* The following undated petitions, &c., Nos. 128 to 150, addressed to Lord Zouch, as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are placed here, as he ceased to hold that office early in November.

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136. Statement of the case between Thos. Denwood, executor of Wm. Denwood, and Matt. Ruck and his wife, in reference to a legacy left to them by Wm. Denwood.

137. Inventory of the estate of Wm. Denwood, and disbursements by Thos. Denwood, his executor.

138. Petition of Hen. Eustice, of Deal, to Lord Zouch. Being entitled, under the will of Hen. Baker, his grandfather, to certain tenements in Deal, and having chosen Wm. Ward, Mayor of Dover, his guardian, prays for an examination as to what rents and arrears are due to him.

139. Petition of Rich. Gorham, of Farleigh, Sussex, to the Same, that his suit in the Chancery of the Cinque Ports against Thos. Kingswell may be decided by the Jurates of Hastings or Winchelsea, he being too poor to bear law expenses.

140. Petition of Thos. Hart, of Dover, to the Same, to be appointed Advertiser of the Pilotship for Dover, a post which now belongs to Mr. Fulnetby, Serjeant of the Admiralty for the Cinque Ports.

141. Petition of Wm. Haynes, of Dover, to the Same, to end the suits raised against him by his wife, a Walloon, widow of Thos. Evering, who has seized his cash and title deeds, and sues him in ecclesiastical and other courts.

142. Petition of Rich. Heneker, of Dover, to the Same. Having served under Lord Willoughby in France, prays to be admitted as soldier or gunner in Dover Castle.

143. Petition of Robt. Lake, Minister of God's Word, to the Same, for redress against Thos. Partridge, a gunner in Dover Castle, for threatening and abusive language against him.

144. Answer of Thos. Partridge to the above, alleging that Lake is living apart from his own wife, and endeavoured to persuade a widow to marry him.

145. Petition of Wm. Rime, of London, to Lord Zouch, against impediments laid on him by the shopkeepers, in the sale of butter and cheese in Sandwich market.

146. Petition of Rich. Robins, to the Same, for stay of payment of 8*l.* to John Barber, Sir Henry Finch not having had time to decide whether it is a just claim, and more than that sum being owing to him by Barber for law costs.

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147. Petition of Esay Sprackling to Lord Zouch, for a letter to the Mayor, &c. of Sandwich, that he may be admitted a brother of St. Bartholomew's, near Sandwich.

148. Petition of Hen. Stocke and others to the Same, to examine and decide on their right to lands, &c. in Deal, devised by Walter Baker to John Baker, his son, in tail.

149. Petition of Rich. Turner, of Southwold, Suffolk, to the Same, for restoration of a ferry boat taken from him by pirates, and left by them at Margate.

150. Petition of Wm. Waad, of Dover, to the Same. Complains that the Mayor of Canterbury, pretending his Lordship's order, has stayed certain white cloths sent to him on order from London, which is contrary to his privilege as a freeman of the Cinque Ports.

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Nov. 1. Royston. 1. Warrant to the Attorney or Solicitor General, to draw a grant of the dignity of a Baron to Edw. Hungerford, of Down-Ampney, Wiltshire.

Nov. 1. Royston. 2. The King to Lord Admiral Buckingham. To put the Navy in readiness to bring over Madame Henriette, sister to the French King, and affianced wife of the Prince, with honour and safety.

Nov. 1. Gray's Inn. 3. Sir Hen. Yelverton to Sec. Conway. The Earl of Suffolk was charged with issuing 6,000*l.* unprofitably to Sir Roger Dallison, then Lieutenant of Ordnance, but the King's loss therein was compensated by the Earl's fine; notwithstanding which, Sir Roger Dallison was prosecuted for that sum, and Sir Thos. Monson, as his surety, is a great sufferer thereby. His Majesty would do an honourable deed to give some compensation to Monson. [*See Nov.* 23.]

Nov. 1. 4. Sir Edw. Villiers to the Same. Claims his promise of guarding his reputation in the unfortunate business of Lady Burton. The Attorney General certifies that there was no suit depending in the Star Chamber, when the King's signature was obtained to the pardon. Requests him to hear Sir Thos. Burton on the business.

Nov. 1. Bramsell. 5. Sam. More to Nicholas. Lord Zouch is in very good health, and is well contented with Nicholas's proceedings with the Duke [of Buckingham]. Sir Edw. Zouch speaks confidently of the performance of the business. His Lordship inclines to the 500*l.* a year, rather than ready money.

Nov. 1. 6. Thos. Benson to the Same. Sir Rich. Bingley has taken up divers sails and a cable, but his diver is not well, and the season not fit for his work.

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Nov. 1. 7. Note of jewels lately brought from Spain, which, by the Prince's order, are to be delivered into the Tower by Sir Fras. Cottington, his Secretary.

Nov. 1. Drury Lane. 8. Secretary —— to ——. Requests to know whether he would be willing to return and live in England in the King's service. Generally finds that Englishmen prefer serving their own Princes, though with less advantage, to remaining in foreign service. Indorsed, "Copy of Mr. Secretarie's letter to me."

Nov. 1. London. 9. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. The Attorney General's certificate shows that the suit against Mr. Thorold tends only to his vexation. Lady Burton insists that the King should not pardon the fault, but only remit his own moiety of the fine, the other moiety to go to her as the informer. Sir Thos. Chamberlain thinks he cannot exercise his place without the King's signature to a letter on his behalf. *Incloses,*

9. 1. *The King to the President and Council of Wales. To administer the oath to, and admit Sir Thos. Chamberlain as one of the Council, and as Chief Justice of Chester. Royston, Nov.* 1.

Nov. 2. Royston. Sec. Conway to Sir John Coke. Returns a letter for Judge Chamberlain, signed. Informs him how Mr. Thorold's business stands, and the entreaty that has been made against him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 162.]

Nov. 2. Royston. The Same to the Same. Recommends to him a cause pending in the Court of Requests, between Sir Edw. Greville and Widow Essex. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 2. Royston. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To send to the King a book written by one Reynolds, and to mark the most dangerous passages in it. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 2. 10. Lord Sheffield to [the Council]. Thinks himself touched in honour by their doubts of the accuracy of his former certificate relative to Lepton's patent [*see March* 2, 1622]. Details thereof repeated. The King often wrote to him about the patent. Lepton, finding that it was for things in which the Secretaries [of the Council of York] had an interest, compounded with them for it; he made the attorneys his substitutes, and, on their earnest suit, in 1615 raised their allowances to 100*l.* a year.

Nov. 2. Whitehall. 11. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Will inquire about Mr. Glenman, as directed. Recommends Sir Edw. Fleetwood's suit for a captain's place in the new levies.

Nov. 2. Worcester. 12. Bp. of Worcester to the Same. Had given the benefice of Hartlebury to "an ancient grave preacher," his son-in-law, before he received Dr. Lesly's application. Is sorry that the King is displeased, but three years ago promised Hartlebury and Upton to his son-in-law and his chaplain, on the Bp. of Gloucester's decease.

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Nov. 3. Westminster. 13. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Recommends Sir Faithful Fortescue for a foot company for Ireland, and Capt. Fras. Basset for employment under Count Mansfeldt. Has been requested to speak for many, but names only these two, knowing them fit for employment. Lord Cromwell has promised Basset a captaincy, if he be chosen colonel.

Nov. 3. 14. John Davenport to the Same. Thanks for his mediation with the King and the Bishop, through the influence of which he is now inducted into St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, the Bishop being satisfied, on examination, of his conformity.

Nov. 3. Royston. 15. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Edw. Villiers. Will be careful of his reputation, and answerable that no ill use shall be made of the certificate. Sir Thos. Burton is trying to prove [Thorold's marriage to be] no marriage; he has the prejudices of a father-in-law, and is interested in the case, as if it be a marriage, the daughter-in-law's portion will have to be paid.

Nov. 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 163.]

Nov. 4. [Royston.] 16. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To pay 400*l.* to Jennings, keeper of Theobalds House, to plant trees and make walks in the park.

Nov. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 163.]

Nov. 4. Royston. The Same to the Same. To order a Privy Seal for 1,200*l.*, surplusage demanded by the men of Frankenthal, if they find their suit reasonable and just. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 162.]

Nov. 4. Royston. The Same to the Earl of Bristol. Details the King's answer to his letter. His Majesty is well pleased for him to settle with his family at Bristol. Reports of his setting a slight value on Conway. [*Ibid., p.* 164.]

Nov. 4. Royston. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To proceed in the business between Norton and Bill, and avoid all unnecessary delays. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 4. Royston. The Same to the Council of War. To prepare the bills for Count Mansfeldt's moneys. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 4. Royston. 17. [The Same?] to the Earl of Nottingham. Has intercepted and sends him a petition to the King, from a person who insists that his Lordship owes him a debt, and offered 100*l.* in composition for it. Will not meddle any further in the business.

Nov. 4. 18. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Hopes Sir Edw. Zouch will now finish the business with the Duke [about the wardenship]. Thinks his Grace should take some thought about the suit with Sir Thos. Pelham, as it affects the office which will soon be his. Wishes Serjeant Bridgeman to be retained as counsel therein.

Nov. 4. Westminster. Grant, with survivorship, to Wm. Smithsby and Thos. Dawes, of the office of Collector of the new duties of 13*s.* 4*d.* on wine in the out-ports, from Michaelmas, 1624. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 2.]

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Nov. 4. 19. Statement of grievances presented to Council by the Mayor, Aldermen, &c. of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, touching excessive fees taken by the Officers of Customs in that port and its members, as specified; with request for reformation, by a table of regular and reasonable fees, to be set up in the Custom House.

Nov. 5. Lambeth. 20. Archbp. Abbot to Sec. Conway. Sends the Votiva Angliæ, by Reynolds, who is prisoner in the Fleet for it. Has marked the most bitter places, by the King's desire. Reminds him of poor Fletcher, whose wife is fierce in her pursuit.

Nov. 6. Canon Row. 21. Sec. Calvert to the Same. Sends the letter of the Emperor of Russia to the King, translated. Also a letter from Sir Thos. Roe, who has honourably managed the point of precedence with the French Ambassador. Wishes his Majesty to consider what Roe says about Bethlehem Gabor's power to do service.

Nov. 6. 22. Note of a letter from the King to the Council of War, directing them to order bills of exchange to be drawn upon Burlamachi for 15,000*l.* present charge, and 20,000*l.* a month, for support of Count Mansfeldt's troops.

Nov. 6. 23. Locke to Carleton. Report that Count Mansfeldt was shipwrecked in coming over; he landed at Gravesend last night. The imprest of soldiers has begun, and the letters sent to the counties contain a promise from the Council of War of repayment of moneys disbursed therein.

Nov. 6. London. 24. Chamberlain to the Same. The King's ship that was to bring over Count Mansfeldt has been cast away, and all in her lost, except the Count and two pages. The letters to the lieutenants to press men for this expedition were signed with difficulty, and are not yet put into practice. The French King is said to be backward in the business, though they were so urgent to set us on. Buckingham talks of going shortly into France, and bespeaks many followers. A French Archbishop or Dean, the President of Toulouse, is here, negociating in matters of religion. The Duke came to town, but was sent for back to Royston, on arrival of letters from France. Sir Fras. Leek, of Derbyshire, is made Baron Deincourt, and Lord Hollis Earl of Clare, who appeared as such on Nov. 2, at the prorogation of Parliament, though his patent was only sealed that morning. The Lord Chief Justice is likely to be Lord Treasurer, and Sir Robt. Heath to succeed him. Carleton is generally spoken of as Secretary; honours him too much to wish it for him, in the present state of affairs. Sir Thos. Barrington has married Lady Smith, and Dr. Balconquall Lady Hammond; he is to be Dean of Rochester, in place of Dr. Goodman, who becomes Bp. of Gloucester. Sir Albert Morton has sustained injury by a fall from his horse. The bill of mortality for this week is 269. The press for Count Mansfeldt began last night, amongst the vagrants about town.

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Nov. 6. Royston. 25. [Sec. Conway] to the Mayor, &c. of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The King wishes them to increase the allowance of 100*l.* per ann. to Dr. Henrison, whom at his recommendation they have appointed physician to the town, and who is tied to a continual and laborious attendance, and not allowed to leave the town without licence.

Nov. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 164].

Nov. 7. Royston. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer.] To attend the French Ambassador, and remind him that the Duke had written to him about those particulars on which he asked for a reply. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 165.]

Nov. 7. Newmarket. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To give his opinion on the King's right to the benefices of Hartlebury and Upton. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 7. 26. The King to the Bp. of Worcester. Thinks his excuses for not admitting Lesly and Woodford to the benefices of Hartlebury and Upton are insufficient. Requires him to admit them at once, and will assist him to provide otherwise for his son-in-law and chaplain, whom he had presented thereto.

Nov. 7. 27. The Same to [the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester]. Recommends them to elect Dr. Godfrey Goodman, Dean of Rochester, to the bishopric of Gloucester.

Nov. 7. 28. Wm. Earl of Northampton to Sec. Conway. Requests him to obtain leave for volunteers to be trained at Shrewsbury, and for 1,200*l.* to be allowed for furnishing the counties of Wales with arms.

Nov. 8. Chelsea. 29. Lord Treas. Middlesex to the Same. Begs him to aid, by his interest with the Duke of Buckingham, his distressed cause, which is about to be despatched.

Nov. 8 London. 30. M. du Moulin to the Same. Is grateful for the King's liberality, but wishes to know the name of the place given, and in what diocese it is situated; also the name of the person to whom he must apply for the 200*l.*

Nov. 8. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Earl Marshal. To take examinations on the differences between Erskine, Nicholas, and Digby, and to pursue the business of buildings. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 165.]

[Nov. 8.] [Newmarket.] 31. [The Same to the Council of War]. The King considering the great expense to which he was put in transporting the last troops, and foreseeing his other heavy charges, orders them to tell the captains that they must conduct their companies at their own expense, from the counties where they receive them to the place of rendezvous. If any decline to do it, they are to be told there are others who will. The letters formerly sent, ordering the counties to pay the expenses to London, there to be reimbursed by their Lordships' directions, are to be altered accordingly. If the captains, after consenting, do not furnish the money, it is to be taken out of

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1624. Count Mansfieldt's 20,000*l.* a month. Sends a list of the captains named. Unfinished. *Incloses,*

31. I. *List of Gentlemen recommended for Companies, with notes of the parties recommending them, or the ground of their claim.*

Nov. 8. Newmarket. Minute of the above letter, adding, that Sir Wm. Beecher is to come for directions about Count Mansfeldt, and the King's letters for the levies to be hastened. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 165.]

Nov. 8. Dover. 32. Thos. Benson to [Nicholas]. Wreck of a Dover ship laden with Bourdeaux wines. Count Mansfeldt has 4,000 men coming from Holland, to stay in the Downs till his English forces are ready. Hopes Nicholas will accompany the new lieutenant [Sir John Hippisley] to his office.

Nov. 8. Dover. 33. Wm. Jones to the Same. Hears that the agreement between the Duke and Lord Zouch is concluded. Certain persons are endeavouring to deprive him (Jones) of his place. Implores his influence with the Duke to continue him, having no other means of support. All the men who came over in Count Mansfeldt's ship were saved.

Nov. 8. 34. Matt. Nicholas to the Same. Private matters. Regrets the poor account given of his infant. Latin.

Nov. 9. Royston. 35. Buckingham to Thos. Meautys. Sends him his warrant, but thinks he should repay Mr. Cottington the 450*l.* he paid for the place when he came to it, which Meautys may have again out of the making of a baronet.

Nov. 10. Edmund Hall. 36. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Thanks for his brotherly kindness. Latin.

Nov. 10. Oatlands. 37. Sir Rich. Younge to Mr. Wolfe. Requests him to inform the King, that he and Sir Art. Mainwaring consider that the best means to recover the decays of Fangrove, in Windsor Forest, will be to cut it down to the stocks, enclose it with a hedge and ditch, and allow no deer in it for three years; and to publish in Chertsey Church a prohibition against injuring the fence, or making a way through the groves.

Nov. 10. Trinity House, Ratcliffe. 38. Wardens of the Trinity House to the Lord Admiral. Desire his warrant to permit the owners of the Jane Bonaventure to have 12 pieces of ordnance for defence, on putting in bonds not to alienate them.

Nov. 10. 39. "Note of what men and hors we had within our toun betwxt Monday an Weddensday, being the tent of November."

Nov. 10. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Adis, of Norton-Canon, co. Hereford, of pardon for arson, there being imperfection in the evidence. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 3.]

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Nov. 10. Newhall. Sec. Conway to the Governor, &c. of the East India Company. Sends him a letter from Sir Dud. Carleton; acquaints him with what has been done in their business, and leaves it to their choice to send over any express messenger. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 165.]

Nov. 11. Inner Temple. 40. Sir Robt. Heath to Sec. Conway. Requests him to see a mistake rectified in the grant of a Receivership to Hugh May, in which he is called John instead of Hugh. It can only be done in the King's presence. *Incloses,*

40. 1. *Hugh May to Sir Robt. Heath. To the same effect.*

Nov. 11. 41. Sir Rich. Weston to the Same. Sends the answer of the Earl of Middlesex. Delivered a message from the French Ambassador to Buckingham, which was that, in obedience to his Grace, he regretted being obliged to disobey his master, by not going to Court at once for his answer. On the business of the soap, &c., Sir John Bourchier speaks more satisfactorily for the King's service than heretofore. *Incloses,*

41. 1. *Lord Treas. Middlesex to Sir Rich. Weston. The reason why he requested leave to pay his fine into the Exchequer, and not by assignment, was the hope that the King would mitigate it,* 20,000*l. being a greater fine than has ever yet been paid, and more than his estate will bear, considering that by loss of office, he loses more than half his income; his request only referred to the part of his fine yet unassigned. Also begged leave to pay it by annual instalments, which might save himself, the wife his Majesty gave him, and his children from utter ruin. Chelsea, Nov.* 8.

Nov. 11. Westminster. 42. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Thanks for the captaincy for his nephew, Fras. Basset, under Count Mansfeldt, but thinks the captains receive their command under hard conditions. Desires that the captaincy granted to Sir Faithful Fortescue, under Count Mansfeldt, may be transferred to Sir Carey Lambert, and Sir Faithful have a company in Ireland. Wishes the son of the late Earl of Thomond to retain his father's company. Regrets that the providing of ministers for Count Mansfeldt's troops is omitted. God's blessing cannot be looked for when we neglect to serve him.

Nov. 11. Whitehall. 43. Council of War to the Same. Inquire whether the captains sent in the list are those actually chosen, or are the pretenders to employment; also whether they may choose their own colonels. Request that their names and surnames may be given. Think very few of those named will be able to pay the whole travelling expenses of their company to Dover. Will require the collectors of the counties to advance moneys for the march of the companies to Dover, to be reimbursed by the captains at London, but do not see how the captains can either bear the charge, or leave their troops at Dover, to come to London to repay the money. If

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any default in these reimbursements, as well as the charge of transporting the troops, and any casualties of detention in port are to be defrayed from the 20,000*l.* a month allowed to Count Mansfeldt, and consequently deducted from the soldiers' pay, they will endure extreme want and misery. Send an account of the subsidy, and certain memorials for the King. *Inclose,*

43. 1. *Memorial addressed to* [*Sec. Conway*], *that the King should command English soldiers to be content with such pay as Count Mansfeldt gives to those of other countries; that they should be provided with swords, either by their counties or Mansfeldt; that each company should have surgeons and drummers; that the officer and captains should have an allowance towards their charges, before they enter on their pay; that shoes and stockings will be needed for the troops when they reach Dover, and carriages should be provided to assist their march.*

Nov. ? 44. —— Haughton to Sec. Conway. Has discharged the bearer, though sorry to lose so honest a gentleman. Hopes not to be thought unable to govern a company. [*His name is included in the following list.*]

Nov. ? 45. List of persons recommended as lieutenant colonels, captains, lieutenants, and ensigns, in Count Mansfeldt's expedition, with the names of the recommenders of some, and note that all cannot be served, as some of the colonels have leave to name their own officers.

Nov. ? 46. Similar list, with later corrections and alterations, endorsed, "List sent to the Counsell of War."

Nov. [11 ?] 47. Sir Thos. Williams and other old captains to Sec. Conway. Hearing that a list was sent to the Council of War, waited upon them for their answer. The Council has taken knowledge of them, and desire that they also may be nominated in the list from which the officers are to be selected.

Nov. 11 ? 48. List of 26 old soldiers, recommended by the Council of War to the King, for places as lieutenants and ensigns. [*Including several names subscribed to the preceding letter.*]

Nov. 11 ? 49. List of captains and lieutenants who served in the Palatinate, recommended by the Prince to the present service.

Nov. 11 ? 50. Statement of the cause between Sir Thos. Williams, Bart., and Sir Geo. Newman, and others, relative to the imprisonment of Rich. Bourne, involving the right contested between the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the family of Pelham, to wrecks at sea within the rape of Hastings, of which the latter are lords. Latin.

Nov. 11. 51. Statement that the cause of Sir Thos. Pelham, Bart., v. Sir Geo. Newman, Thos. Fulnetby, and others, for imprisonment of Rich. Bourne, Pelham's servant, concerns the right of the Lord

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Warden of the Cinque Ports to wrecks at sea; that Buckingham, formerly a reversioner for that office, has treated with Lord Zouch for the present possession, and his patent is just about to be passed. He thinks, therefore, that it may concern him, and not wishing it to come to trial till he knows the merits of the cause, begs respite till next term. Also the jury proposed on the trial is different from that first returned, and is excepted against by the defendants, Sir Thomas being a man of power, and lord of the rape of Hastings, which is a fifth part of the county of Sussex. *Annexing,*

51. I. *Names of* 24 *jurymen in the above cause. Latin. Indorsed, "The First Jury."*

51. II. *Another list of jurymen in the same cause. Latin. Indorsed, "The Second Jury."*

Nov. 12. 52. Certificate, by Sec. Calvert, of the receipt of a packet from Walter Harman, a Dutch post, addressed by Sir Dud. Carleton to Sec. Conway, on whom the said post is to wait for his allowance.

[Nov. 12.] 53. Petition of Mary Overton to the Council, for an order for repayment of 800*l.*, lent by her to the Muscovy Company, which they refuse to return without such an order.

Nov. 12. 54. Sir Edw. Bromley to the King. Reprieved John Goodwin, convicted of horse-stealing at the assizes for Derbyshire, this being his first offence, and he able and willing to serve in the wars.

Nov. 12. Ramsgate. 55. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. A man-of-war, suspected to be a pirate, came into the harbour, and, on being challenged, produced a commission from the States; her sails are taken from her by help of Sir Rich. Bingley, until the commission is allowed. Sir Richard's denial of the shooting at the Deal men is ill done, as it can be proved.

Nov. 12. Flushing. 56. Capt. Chudleigh, of the Speedwell, to Sir Fras. Nethersole. Details the disastrous wreck of his ship, on Nov. 1; his first care was to preserve Count Mansfeldt. The mischief was occasioned by an ignorant drunken pilot of Flushing, who by Count Mansfeldt's influence, was appointed to conduct the ship.

Nov. 13. [Newmaket.] 57. [Sec. Conway] to Capt. Huntley. Will do what he can for him, but did not think it fit for him to hazard his present company for a single company in the present uncertain employment under Count Mansfeldt, the supreme officers to which are to be named by the King, Prince, and Buckingham. Will favour his uncle's suit if the cause be just.

Nov. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 13. Newmarket. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King will give no impediment to the proceeding in the Star Chamber against Mr. Thorold. [*Ibid. p.* 166.]

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Nov. 14. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Lord Carew. Returns the letters of news which he sent to the Duke, who acknowledges his respect, and wishes to speak with him. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 166.]

Nov. 14. 58. Locke to Carleton. The impresting of soldiers goes on, and 2,500 are to be sent to Ireland, before those of Count Mansfeldt. Sir Wm. Beecher has been sent for to Court, and has attended the Council of War. The captains refuse the request of Council, to go into the country to take up men, and convey them to Dover at their own charge.

Nov. 14. Canon Row. 59. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Godfrey de Bodt, a Hollander, desires to communicate to the King certain matters of great importance, which he pretends to have discovered abroad. Detains him to know when his Majesty will please to see him. Thinks he was a correspondent of Sir Robt. Naunton, when Secretary.

Nov. 14. 60. Sir John Bourchier to the Same. Thinks the soap and alum businesses are in a fair way to be settled, but, as great caution is needful, requests that the final answer be not sent till he has waited on Conway.

Nov. 14? 61. Sir Oliver Cromwell to the Same. Wishes to know if the King will accept of his house and land at his reasonable price. If not, begs some token of favour, that he may not retire with obloquy in his old age. Wishes the Prince to know of his letter.

Nov. 14. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To accommodate Sir Oliver Cromwell's business for the sale of Hinchinbrook. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 15. Newmarket. The Same to the Council of War. The King accepts their endeavours. Shows the necessity of performing the contract with Count Mansfeldt, and requires them to provide for moneys accordingly. Sir Wm. Beecher is appointed to attend and accommodate the business. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 15. [Newmarket.] 62. [The Same] to the Earl of Lincoln. The King grants him a regiment; the list of his captains is made and shall be sent. His Majesty will not consent for his lady to settle in London for the winter, saying "that the country is the most fitting place for ladies to live in, in the absence of their lords," and she must keep hospitality there.

Nov. 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 15. Bramsell Park. 63. Lord Zouch to [Nicholas]. Sees no good in Sir Hen. Hastings' coming to town; wishes he had never meddled with the business at Codrington. Has signed the letter on behalf of Mr. Reading, and the muster rolls. Is sorry to find there is still a flaw in the conveyance.

Nov. 15. Dover. 64. Wm. Jones to [the Same]. Thanks for his care in preserving his place for him. M. de Quester will provide sugar for Nicholas, for which the farmers will not take the customs. Old Lord Colville has

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arrived from Boulogne. Sir Jasper Fowler expected to be of the Commission for the Passage, but could not be so with propriety, as he is the searcher for suspicious persons.

Nov. 15. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 65. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Congratulates him on his expectation of favour with the Duke of Buckingham, which he is sure is well founded. Is not himself capable of any further preferment

Nov. 16. Dover. 66. Wm. Leonard to the Same. An anchor of 400 cwt., or upwards, has been brought in, which is yet unclaimed. Sends him some tobacco.

Nov. 16. Ramsgate. 67. Thos. Fulnetby to the Same. The little bark from Calais is in Sandwich harbour; she sprung a leak at sea, but is repaired, and ready to sail. Some of the merchants have taken out their goods to go by land, as they were injured by the wet, but as all are entered at the Custom House, entreats that they may have a discharge and go forward.

Nov. 16. 68. Petition of Miles Fletcher, printer, to the Archbp. of Canterbury, for his consent to his election by the Master and Wardens of the Stationers' Company to the place of a master printer, in the room of George Eld, his late partner, deceased. With order thereon granting the petition.

Nov. 16. Canon Row. 69. Sec. Calvert to [Sec. Conway]. Sends letters brought by Sir John Burroughs from the Hague. Requests signature to a warrant for a poor widow to be appointed a Sister of St. Catherine's Hospital.

Nov. 16. London. 70. Sir John Coke to the Same. The affair of Dr. Hoskins was referred to the decision of the Archbp. of Canterbury, to whom, as Primate, it belongs; but Dr. Godwin, knowing that the unreasonableness of his demand would thus be known, got the Bps. of Durham, Rochester, and St. David's added as referees, the first of whom is against Dr. Hoskins; suggests that the Bp. of Winchester be also added, or the referees reduced to two. The case concerns the Church government, and the foundation and local statutes of that Church, which is prejudiced by the Bishop's partiality to his son.

Nov. 16. Newmarket. 71. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Beecher. The Prince is anxious for Matthews, a Lieutenant in the Low Countries, to have a company now, but knows not whom to displace for him, unless some refuse to carry their companies at their own charge, when others must be put in their places. Begs that Mr. Bowes, who is nobly descended, may not miss the Ensign's place for which he is put down. Other candidates for places. Mr. Ramsay, the Earl of Holderness's brother, must have one, if possible.

Nov. 16. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. [Newmarket.] 72. [The Same] to the Same. The King wishes Mr. Ramsay to have a company; has told this to Count Mansfeldt, and also suggested the raising of three other companies, that the regiments

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may have nine companies a piece. Ministers are to go with each regiment, to be paid out of the 200*l.* a month allowed for extraordinaries. Mr. Lassells is not thought fit for this employment.

Nov. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. [Newmarket.] 73. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Beecher. Buckingham wishes to gratify Mr. Murray, of the Prince's Bedchamber, by appointment of his nephew, David Murray, as a Captain in Sir And. Gray's regiment. A son of Sir Art. Gorges is also recommended.

Nov. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. [Newmarket.] 74. [The Same] to Lord Chichester. On candidates for officers' places; Capt. Basset, Sir Faithful Fortescue, Sir Carey Lambert, &c. The Earl of Thomond is to be satisfied.

Nov. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. Newmarket. 75. [The Same] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Sends him the petition to the King of Young, a merchant, that he may either satisfy him, or stop his mouth, by showing him the error of his allegations.

Nov. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. Newmarket. 76. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King says the Earl of Middlesex must have reasonable days appointed by those to whom his assignments are made. Begs expedition for Sir John Bourchier's business. The Chancellor is one of the principal persons on whom the Duke relies.

Nov. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 167.]

Nov. 17. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Treas. Middlesex. Refers him for answer to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Newmarket. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King permits Lord Grey and Lady Maidstone to stay in London this winter. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 17. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Russell. The King thanks him for preserving the game of pheasants. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 17. 77. Lord Chief Justice Ley and Sir Wm. Jones to the Council. Wm. Thomas, who stole money from his master, Mr. Littleton of the Temple, confessed his crime, and restored the money; being a scholar, he has had his clergy allowed, and desires to go on the expedition abroad, if he may be sent without blemish. Have therefore respited the burning him in the hand, till His Majesty's pleasure be known.

Nov. 17. 78. Account of money disbursed by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, Master of the Ceremonies, for attendance, and for coaches supplied to the Marquis d'Effiat, French Ambassador, to the Archbp. of Ambrun, and to M. de Beaupré, sent by the French King to congratulate the Prince's recovery from his fall, from Oct. 11 to Nov. 17; total, 215*l.*

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Nov. 17. Warrant to renew the commission of Lieutenancy for Kent, and to add Thos. Smith as a Deputy Lieutenant. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 17. 79. Petition of Thos. Roe, of London, executor of Alderman Jaye, to Lord Chamb. Pembroke, for permission to prosecute Sir Edw. Fisher, who is indebted to the estate of the late Alderman Jaye for 2,000*l.*, which should be divided amongst the widow and children, one of whom is lately married to Edw. Nicholas, but which he refuses to pay. With order thereon by the Earl of Pembroke, that Sir Edw. Fisher satisfy the petitioners, or show good cause why his request should not be granted.

Nov. 17? 80. Memorandum [by Nicholas] of certain debts, considered the most recoverable on account of his father-in-law's estate, including that of Sir Edw. Fisher.

Nov. 18. 81. Rich. Fishborn to Nicholas. Mr. Fulnetby pleads Nicholas' order for staying certain goods, which, being injured by water in a Calais bark, were put into a waggon, to be forwarded by land, and, being perishable, are much spoiled by delay. Desires to know upon what authority he has detained them, as he will have to answer for it to the owners.

Nov. 18. Throwle. 82. Thos. Lord Cromwell to Buckingham. Begs permission to choose some of the officers of his own company, and to have worthy men appointed for the others. Is pressing 150 soldiers in Staffordshire, as deputy for the Earl of Essex.

Nov. 18. Newmarket. 83. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Chas. Cornwallis, Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk. Thanks for his obtaining a pension in the county for Serjeant Pictoe, an experienced soldier, and skilful in teaching others the practice of arms. Begs that the county would give him an allowance to enable him to go about amongst the captains, and attend the meetings for training.

Nov. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 168.]

Nov. 18. [Newmarket.] 84. [The Same] to Sir John Coke. The King has long been anxious to embrace the proposals of the Persian Ambassador, to draw the trade of Persian silks into the kingdom, but the East India Company declined the offer. His Majesty, the Prince, and Duke are however determined to push it. Sends Mr. Stiles, who can throw much light on it, and wishes to know how it can be done, what ships, &c. will be needed, and what profits can be held out, in order to draw in adventurers to join with the Prince, Duke, and other nobles therein, &c.

Nov. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 168.]

Nov. 18. [Newmarket.] 85. [The Same] to Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a grant for M. Beaumont, who is bound for Virginia, to make him a free denizen of England, with special proviso not to pay more customs and subsidies than a native subject.

Nov. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 168.]

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Nov. 18. [Newmarket.] 86. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. To give orders for the indemnity of Sir Wm. Sandys and his Lady, whom the King permits to stay in London this winter, on account of their ill health, which is certified by Dr. Harvey.

Nov. 18. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 168.]

Nov. 18. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Wm. Beecher. In behalf of Mr. Millicent. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Nov. 18. Newmarket. The Same to Visct. St. Albans. To satisfy a debt due to Sir Robt. Douglas and Mr. Ramsay. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 18. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Wm. Beecher. Will procure a warrant for levying two new companies, provided Mr. Gorges may have the command of one of them. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 18. London. 87. Sir Wm. Beecher to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt calls daily and hourly for the 55,000*l.* promised, complaining that for want of it, his whole business will be overthrown in the beginning. The subsidy treasurers have been obliged to borrow 40,000*l.* on interest, upon their own credit, to be repaid from the third subsidy, but would not do it till the Council of War bound themselves in 100,000*l.* to give out no fresh warrants till this sum is repaid. Burlamachi advances the remainder of the 55,000*l.* Has thus got the warrants, but being forbidden to deliver them till the arrival of the courier from France, begs to know what to do, as Mansfeldt is importunate for them. He murmurs at the deduction of the conduct money from these sums, though to be repaid afterwards by the captains, saying he shall be unable to give his first month's pay. He wants the King's consent to accept money from some whose affection to his cause led them to offer assistance. He finds some captains appointed in Lord Doncaster and Sir Charles Rich's regiments, in which he was to nominate the officers. He would like the six regiments reduced to five.

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Nov. 19. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Beecher. To advise the officers of the two regiments not to contest about those persons recommended by the King, Prince, and Duke. There is no possibility of reducing the regiments to five. If there must be an increase of three companies, the Council of War must prepare warrants. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 169.]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to the Same. To thank the Council of War, the Treasurers, and Burlamachi, for their readiness to accommodate Count Mansfeldt. The moneys are to be paid to the Count, and his journey to Newmarket stayed. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 19. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Council of War. To pay the money to Count Mansfeldt, the King having received satisfaction from France. He thanks them for their pains in that business. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 169.]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Wm. Russell. To destroy a coney warren on composition. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. To order a Privy Seal for money due to Smithsby, the King's barber. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to the Same. To accommodate Arch. Hay in a suit for a lease. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Wm. Beecher. Recommends Mr. Crawford. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Newmarket. The Same to the Same. To assist the Earl of Lincoln in settling his regiment, and in driving a bargain for levying 300 horse for himself and two others. Recommends Mr. Crane and Mr. Crofts. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. [Newmarket.] 1. [The Same] to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. The marriage treaty was signed and concluded [in Paris] with bonfires, illuminations, fireworks, and every sign of joy. The King wishes the same to be shown in London, at and about the Tower. Coaches are to be sent to Dover, and preparations made for reception of Mons. Ville-aux-clercs, who is setting out.

Nov. 19. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 168.]

Nov. 19 ? 2. Philippe Burlamachi to Sir Wm. Beecher, Clerk of the Council. The King of France has given a principal merchant as security for his quota for Count Mansfeldt's troops. The marriage is said to be concluded, and cannon fired in token of rejoicing. Mansfeldt is impatient to be gone, and has written to Holland to hasten his artillery, &c., lest the French grow cool again. French.

Nov. 19. Letter to the Lord President of Wales to levy 800 men for service in Ireland. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 19. Westminster. Grant to Ferryman Moore, on testimony of the Vice Chancellor, Mayor, &c. of Oxford University, of pardon of all questions and corporal punishment for the killing of John Crabtree, he having obtained the benefit of his clergy. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 4.] *Annexing,*

3. I. *John Prideaux, Vice Chancellor of Oxford, the Mayor, and other Commissioners of Peace and for Gaol Delivery, to the King. Request pardon for Ferryman Moore from burning in the hand, for killing John Crabtree in Baliol College; they were both students, and Crabtree had greatly provoked Moore, by taunting him with being only an under graduate, pulling his hair, &c. Moore had the benefit of his clergy, being able to read.*

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Nov. 19. 4. Sir Thos. Wilson to his son-in-law, Ambrose Randolph. Requests a loan of 20*l.* Is to have Lord Paget for a tenant.

Nov. 19. Whitehall. 5. The Council to Lord Admiral Buckingham, Warden of the Cinque Ports, &c. Commend to his care two points propounded by the Deputy Lieutenants, &c. of Kent, as very important at the present time; that persons endeavouring to avoid being impressed should not be harboured within the liberties of the Cinque Ports, which are exempt from imprest; and that ships should be prepared at Dover to transport the troops, or to take up such as, for the quiet of the country, are thought fit to be removed from shore.

Nov. 19. Exeter. 6. Deputy Lieutenants of Devonshire to Lord Russell, Lord Lieutenant. Will endeavour to levy the 300 men by the time limited; but desire his influence with Council to spare the intended levy of 300 more for Ireland, as the number is great for a county bordering on the sea, where men are continually employed in furnishing His Majesty's ships, &c., and where the tinners, who are very numerous, claim exemption.

Nov. 20. 7. Locke to Carleton. Sir Wm. Beecher is to be Treasurer for Count Mansfeldt's soldiers. Sends a list of the officers. Buckingham prepares for France. The Prince borrows 20,000*l.* to give him towards his expenses, and some barons are to be made, in order to pay his debts of 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.* Mr. Trumbull fails to obtain redress [from the Archduchess] for grievances commended to him by the Council.

Nov. 20. 8. Lord Chichester to Sec. Conway. Sends a list prefixed, of gentlemen recommended to be officers by Sir Chas. Rich and Sir John Burroughs. A larger list was sent by the Council of War. Some must be disappointed, but hopes it will be those who are unfit; it will be so, if the colonels and captains may choose for themselves.

Nov. 20. Whitehall. 9. Council of War to the Same. At a second conference, the Treasurers of the Subsidies, contrary to promise, absolutely refused to advance the money required, but Philippe Burlamachi and Alderman Freeman have taken on themselves the burden of the whole 55,000*l.*, for which they deserve His Majesty's special thanks. Beg that the King will require no further sums, till this is repaid; also that he and the Prince and Duke will allow them the preferring of divers old soldiers to be lieutenants and ensigns; and that the captains may now be finally chosen, and may choose their own officers out of the lists sent.

Nov. 20. 10. Abstract of the above.

Nov. 20. Latimers. 11. Earl of Devonshire and Lord Wm. Cavendish to the Council. Have held the musters, &c. in Derbyshire, and executed their instructions relative to the exercising of the trained bands, setting them to handle their arms, shoot at marks, and exercise more frequently. Send articles thereof.

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Nov. 20. 12. Survey of the lands of the late Rich. Billing, of Hengar, Cornwall, whose heir, John Billing, is under age. Taken by Wm. Roscarrock, escheator of the Duchy of Cornwall.

Nov. 20. 13. The King to Cuthbert Bacon, Ranger and Riding Forester in the New Forest. Appoints him to have the oversight of the game and woods, during the vacancy occasioned by the absence or death of the Earl of Southampton, Warden, and to charge the keepers to be careful to prevent any spoil.

Nov. 20. London. 14. Receipt by Dr. Peter Du Moulin from Rich. Oliver, servant to the Duke of Buckingham, of 200*l.*, as a free gift from the King.

Nov. 21. Bramsell Park. 15. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Is sorry for delays in Skipwith's cause, but more so for the death of the Earl of Southampton. Hears that the Prince of Orange and Lord Oxford are sick, and that the Duke will part with the Wardenship to the Earl of Warwick. Hopes Sir Hen. Mainwaring, who is a great man with that Earl, will not be allowed to be Lieutenant. Profit is coming to the Duke, before the place is fairly his. Swallows all, though his heart is ready to burst.

Nov. 21. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Sir Lewis Lewkenor. To give orders for the reception of M. Ville-aux-clercs, if the Lord Chamberlain be absent. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 21. Newmarket. The Same to the Lord Steward. To give order for the honourable entertainment of M. Ville-aux-clercs. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 21. [Newmarket.] 16. The Same to the Chancellor of Exchequer. A new lease is to be drawn for certain lands to Mr. Andrews, that he may not suffer by an error in his former lease.

Nov. 21. Minute of the above [*Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 170.]

Nov. 21. [Newmarket.] 17. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Wardrobe, claims allowance for many extraordinary provisions, which he conceives not to be within the ordinary charge of the office. The King wishes him to prepare a Commission to the President of the Council, the Earl Marshal, and others, to report what are ordinary and what extraordinary expenses, taking notice of the reduction of the wardrobe expenses to 10,000*l.* a year, beside the assignments by Act of Parliament.

Nov. Minute of the above, dated Nov. 20. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 21. Hartlebury. 18. Bp. of Worcester to the King. Relies on his justice and clemency. Thinks all lawyers weak reeds, and His Majesty a staff of strength; has complied with his request, and put Dr. Lesley in possession of Hartlebury, his son-in-law having resigned; Mr. Woodford will first resign his benefice in London to Smith, the Bishop's chaplain, whom Woodford makes a conscience of ruining, and then return to be appointed to Upton.

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Nov. 21. Hartlebury. 19. Bp. of Worcester to Sec. Conway. Would have maintained his right to his benefices, but would rather lose twenty such than hazard the loss of His Majesty's favour. It is thought a retribution on him, for procuring from his prebendaries two of their best benefices, in order to please the King.

Nov. 22. Whitehall. 20. Lord Steward Hamilton, Earl Marshal Arundel, and Lord Chamb. Pembroke to the Same. Will examine the affair between Mr. Erskine, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Digby, and do justice therein; but think that the offence, as far as it concerns being done in the King's court, should be judged by His Majesty, and a public example made thereof, to deter others from such insolencies, by severe punishment.

Nov. 22. London. 21. Sir Wm. Russell to the Same. Has obeyed His Majesty's commands, and given orders for destroying his rabbit warren at Chippenham.

Nov. 22. Canon Row. 22. Oliver St. John, Visct. Grandison, to the Same. The King formerly allowed Lady Vaux, widow of Wm. Wyborne, two thirds of the lands of Edw. Wyborne, his brother, who was a convicted recusant. The grant ceases on his decease; begs its renewal to Capt. Frank, in trust for her use—Benj. Wyborne, Edward's son, being also a recusant; she will be brought to extreme misery without it.

Nov. 22. London. 23. Sir Wm. Beecher to the Same. Count Mansfeldt has received from Burlamachi, bills for 15,000*l.* and 10,000*l.*, and intends to proceed to Dover. Has cautioned him on the ill effect that his memorials to the King are likely to produce. He answers that they are not demands, but requests. He complains, in reference to the abating of the cost of arms from the soldiers' pay, &c., that he should not be schooled, but left to manage his own troops, on whose preservation his life and honour depend. He seems so resolute in his demands of certain points in his memorial, that if the King is not disposed to grant them, some order should be taken to save the 25,000*l.* which he has received.

Nov. 22? 24. Capt. Hen. Bell to [the Same]. The King having promised him a company, cannot bear the disgrace of being left without one. Has been a soldier 18 years, and thrice serjeant major, and spent 900*l.* in His Majesty's service, but will quit his claim to it, if he may have a company in this enterprize, or be made paymaster of the troops; if not, begs restitution of his moneys, and will seek his fortune abroad.

Nov. 22. Dover Castle. 25. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Thanks for his care. Will receive and entertain Sir John Hippisley, who is coming as Lieutenant, till the Castle is ready for his reception. Has failed to obtain from Mr. Hugessen the information required, though confident he has it, as he is intimate with the King's ship. A Scotchman complains of Sir Rich. Bingley's taking from him some money which he got from a wrecked ship.

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Nov. 22. [Newmarket.] 26. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King has consented, at the earnest suit of the Prince and Buckingham, to buy out, at seven years' purchase, the pension of Sir Robt. Douglas, the Prince's Treasurer, which is 1,000 marks a year, with a reversion for 500*l.*, and to pay him by a licence to transport iron ordnance, on condition he do not lower the price below Burlamachi's rates. Warrants are to be prepared accordingly. The marriage treaty is signed, and the lady is to come in January.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 22. [Newmarket.] 27. [The Same] to Sir Thos. Edmondes. The King wishes him to examine particularly the cause between Mr. Lee and John Knight, long his under keeper in Waltham Forest, but dismissed on misinformation. His Majesty thinks it a hard case that a faithful keeper of the deer and woods should be deprived of his living, and wishes a reconciliation to be effected between him and his master, and to have a relation of the whole business.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 22. [Newmarket.] 28. [The Same] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King does not choose to dispose of the earldom of Westmoreland, so Sir Fras. Fane must think of some other title, both for the barony and earldom; that of Richmond was proposed, but the Prince opposed it. Meanwhile a new bill must be prepared, with blanks for the title, till Sir Francis has chosen, and the King approved it.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 22. Newmarket. 29. [The Same] to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Dr. Hoskins has lost his labour in coming to Court, the King having resolved never to change referees without special reason. He is a good man, and has a good cause, and is much missed in his country. Begs his Grace, with the other two Bishops, to put an end to his business.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 22. [Newmarket.] 30. [The Same] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. The marriage articles between Prince Charles and Lady Marie are signed in France, and the King expects M. Ville-aux-clercs for the ratification. On his arrival, his Majesty intends to honour the alliance by liberating all the priests, excepting those who have taken the Oath of Allegiance, and would be exposed to danger by liberation. He is to order the form of this delivery, so as to express that this is the reason for which it is done, and that the favour extends only to things past, and will be forfeited if they do not conduct themselves modestly and without scandal.

Nov. Newmarket. Minute of the above, dated Nov. 21. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 170.]

Nov. 22. [Newmarket.] 31. [The Same] to Sir Wm. Beecher. Has received letters from the Council of War, saying what straits they were put to for payment of the 55,000*l.*, till Alderman Freeman and Burlamachi

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1624. managed the business, so that Count Mansfeldt can now be paid. Gives the contents of his letter to the Council. [*No.* 31. 1.] Commends certain persons as officers of the troops. The only way to obtain companies for Capt. Fisher and Mr. Payton is, for Mansfeldt to take exceptions to some already appointed, and have those two placed in their stead. This could not be done here, for the honour of those who recommended them. With abstract of a postscript, dated Nov. 23, that he sends a letter to Count Mansfeldt; and commends certain persons as inferior officers, and Mr. Hennegham, an experienced soldier, as a captain. *Incloses,*

31. 1. [*Sec. Conway*] *to the Council of War. The King has been too busy with the French Ambassadors, &c. to reply to the offer of Alderman Freeman and Burlamachi to furnish the moneys, when the other treasurers went back from their undertakings, but they must have his Majesty's thanks for their conduct. The request of the Council, for the nomination of the officers of the troops to be made by the captains, comes too late, many nominated by the King, Prince, Duke, and others, having long stood in the list, and prepared to go, who would be dishonoured by omission; but there are still many lieutenants' and ensigns' places to be disposed of. Is sorry not to have assisted at the Council of War. Would prefer attending that service to enduring the importunities and envies of those to whom he owes no obligation. Newmarket, Nov.* 22.

Nov. 22. Minute of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 171.]

Nov. 22. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Sir Wm. Beecher. Concerning Capt. Bell. Recommends Mr. Cook. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Nov. 22. Newmarket. The Same to Sir Robt. Osborne. To examine deer-stealers from Higham-Ferrers Park. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 23. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Grandison. To examine a business concerning Sir Sam. Smith, and having relation to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 23. [Newmarket.] 32. [The Same] to Sir John Cutts and Tobias Palavicini. They are to settle a difference between the postmasters of Cambridge and Baberham, concerning the right to apply to certain towns for post-horses on the King's service, which is claimed by both.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 171.]

Nov. 23. [Newmarket.] 33. [The Same] to Lord Brooke. The French match being concluded, and the dispensation in the hands of the Nuncio, the French King is in earnest about assisting Mansfeldt. The Marquis of Brandenburg is constant to the Prince Palatine. Most of the German princes are longing for a force to countenance their efforts. Denmark approves the design, but, remembering our former

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conduct, will not move till we begin in good earnest. The Grisons have bravely begun. The Marquis de Cœurs, the Venetians, and Duke of Savoy are following up. The Pope threatened the latter to have him declared Disturber of the peace of Italy; to which he replied, that he would then take the title of Conservator of the freedom of Italy. The plate fleet has got safe to Spain. Marquis Inijosa, instead of being punished, has kissed the King of Spain's hand, and is admitted as a Councillor of State. No faith is to be given to the Spaniards. They have 50 vessels and 10,000 troops ready to recover the port of Brazil, and want not offended minds to turn them this way, but still seem moderate, and talk of sending Gondomar to treat about the Palatinate.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 171.]

Nov. 23. 34. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Has no warrant for payment of a pension requested by Lord Carlisle. Knows that he received divers sums from Lord Middlesex for secret service, and thinks they were allowed till a pension which he is to have on the Earl of Nottingham's death falls in, but wishes to know the King's pleasure therein. Will provide for the entertainment of the French Ambassador, M. Ville-aux-clercs, but thinks it will be sufficient to double that given to Mons. d'Effiat, and so let 80*l.* a day suffice for both, as they are likely to stay long, and others of greater quality are coming.

[Nov. 23.] 35. Abstract of the above.

Nov.? 36. Petition of Sir Thos. Monson to the King, for the benefit of the enfranchisement of the copyholders of Wakefield, co. York; for remission of his debt of 1,300*l.*; and for a grant of a portion of the fines imposed on the late Lord Treasurer by Parliament.

Nov.? 37. Statement of the original debts of Sir Roger Dallison, for which Sir Thos. Monson was bound, amounting to 13,000*l.*, of which Monson alleges that 6,000*l.* was adjudged in the Star Chamber to be paid by the Earl of Suffolk. Sir Hen. Yelverton states, that the Earl's fine was 30,000*l.*, without distinction of the 6,000*l.*, and on the question being asked whether Dallison might not be called on for the 6,000*l.*, it was said that the King would not in honour take what was already paid by the Earl of Suffolk; yet both Dallison's and Monson's lands were extended for the 13,000*l.*, and granted in lease to the Ordnance Office. The Earl of Middlesex compounded with the office for them, and constrained Monson to take for his interest therein 3,000*l.*, the making of six baronets, and a lease of Dallison's lands at 1,200*l.* a year, with promise of influence with the King on his behalf; of this bargain he only received the 3,000*l.* He now prays to have the enfranchising of his Wakefield copyholders, worth 200*l.* a year; pardon of a debt of 1,300*l.*, and part of the Earl of Middlesex's fine.

Nov.? 38. Abstract of the above statement, with further remarks of the grounds on which Monson deserves recompence, being unreasonably

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dealt with in the first extent, and drawn into an ill bargain by an eminent officer of state, on promises never performed.

Nov. ? 39. Statement, that the loss which the King would sustain by the grant to Sir Thos. Monson would be 50*l.* or 60*l.* a year, but that as those copyholders who have certain fines, or their estates confirmed by Parliament, are not likely to compound, he will only gain about 2,000*l.* by it.

Nov. ? 40. Statement of the nature of Sir Thos. Monson's suit for enfranchising his Wakefield copyhold estates, and of the loss that will accrue to the King from granting it.

Nov. 23. [Newmarket.] 41. [Sec. Conway] to the Chancellor of the Duchy [of Lancaster]. To report on the propriety of granting a suit of Sir Thos. Monson, to have the enfranchising of copyholders in Wakefield Manor, Yorkshire, to the value of 200*l.* a year.

Nov. 23. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 171.]

Nov. 23. London. Dud. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Has spoken to Sec. Conway about the report that his business in coming over is to procure Calvert's secretaryship for Sir Dudley. Conway declared that there was no one whom he should prefer as colleague, but that Calvert was reconciled to Buckingham, who had assured him that he should have the option of refusing any offer made for his place. Will be wary in disposing of so rich a present as the marbles, unless Buckingham has some decided intention. The King is very merry at Newmarket. All payments from the Exchequer are stayed, on account of provision for the Extraordinary Ambassador expected. There is a desire to dispossess the Earl of Bristol of Sherborne, by repealing the sentence given against the Earl of Somerset on Overbury's affair, on condition of his attempting to recover none of his lands, except Sherborne; he can claim it on the ground that the sentence which deprived him of it is nullified; and he is sure to succeed, as the Earl of Denbigh is to marry his daughter and heir. [*Holl. Corresp., Nov.* 23, 1624.]

Nov. 23. Newmarket. 42. The King to the Bp. of London. Recommends Chris. Congham, a hopeful minister, to the parsonage of Pagglesham, co. Essex.

Nov. 24. Warrant to Augustine Parker to preserve the game of pheasants within five miles of Stanton, co. Suffolk, and to take away guns, nets, &c. used to destroy them. [*Docquet.*]

Nov. 24. Westminster Warrant to pay to John Acton, Goldsmith, and others, 6,573*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, for jewellery, plate, cutlery, &c., used for New Year's gifts, presents to Ambassadors, &c. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 5.]

[Nov. 24.] 43. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle-on-Tyne to the Council, to be permitted to ship in strangers' bottoms small quantities of cloth, as formerly, into the Low Countries and Germany, which, for the last five or six years, they have been prevented from doing.

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Nov. 24. Whitehall. 44. Order in Council, on the above petition, permitting the Newcastle merchants to export goods in foreign vessels, when there are no English vessels there, bound for the ports to which the goods are destined.

Nov. 24. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Lord Keeper. On behalf of —— Barker, who has a cause in Chancery. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 172.]

Nov. 24. Newmarket. The Same to the Bp. elect of Gloucester. Recommends Dr. Gwynn to be his chancellor. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Newmarket. 45. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Requests his opinion on a suit with which the King wishes to comply, made by Levingston, of the Bedchamber, for a grant in fee farm of Timbrelham and Rainhurst, co. Kent.

Nov. 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 172.]

Nov. 24. 46. Sir Wm. Beecher to Sec. Conway. Does not fail to lay his recommendations of officers before the Council of War, but nothing as yet is absolutely settled. Capt. David Murray refuses his company on the conditions prescribed, and others are likely to follow his example. Count Mansfeldt has become more pliable about the deduction of arms and conduct money, though some murmur greatly at it. News that Spinola has raised the siege of Breda.

Nov. 24. [Newmarket.] 47. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Beecher. Is unable yet to obtain a reply about Count Mansfeldt's business, the King being indisposed. Commends for a place in the troops Van Hutton, a Dutchman,—who has served long, and whose knowledge of the language might be useful,—and Hurblock, a kinsman of his wife.

Nov. 24. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 172.]

Nov. 24. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To be at Newmarket when M. Ville-aux-clercs comes, and to give notice to the Lord Steward and Earl Marshal to attend. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Nov. 25. Newmarket. 48. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The King wants to send to his dear daughter a jewel, value 500*l.*, but as he begins "to keep intelligence with his exchequer," and wishes no pressure of the ordinary revenues, the expense is to be met by a licence to transport an additional quantity of iron ordnance. Mr. Bushell, who brought news of the Queen's happy delivery of a son, would be a fit messenger to take the jewel. Informs him that His Majesty would have sent for him, along with the Lord Steward, Earl Marshal, and Lord Chamberlain, to receive the French Ambassador, Ville-aux-clercs, but feared he would be wearied with suits from Privy Chamber, Backstairs, and Bedchamber.

[Nov. 25.] Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 172.]

Nov. 25. 49. Sir Wm. Beecher to Sec. Conway. All the colonels and captains, being called before the Council of War, refused to take the charge of their companies, on the conditions proposed, of bearing

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their expense to Dover, or having it deducted afterwards from their pay. They asked what pay they were to receive, and were told that Count Mansfeldt could not settle it now, his books and papers being lost at sea, but it should be about the rate given by the States; they were also discontented at having to furnish the apparel of the troops. The whole business looks bad, but the presence of the Duke and of the King might settle matters. There needs a negociator between the Court, the Council of War, Mansfeldt, and the officers. The Council have ordered 900 men additional to be levied.

Nov. ? 50. Petition of the Deputy Lieutenants of the Isle of Anglesea to the Council, that no men may be levied thence for foreign services, on account of their exposure, in case of an invasion of Ireland. *Incloses,*

50. 1. *Order in Council, that no men be levied in Anglesea, but that they be left for defence of the Isle. Greenwich, June* 12, 1596.

Nov. 25. Whitehall. 51. Fras. Windebank [Clerk of the Signet] to Sec. Conway. Sends letters for signature to the Lieutenants of counties, for levying 900 men extra for the Palatinate; also letters for the service in Ireland, exempting Anglesea, and charging the 50 men which were to be levied there on Glamorganshire; also the bill of Kerry, a gentleman of the Earl of Nottingham, for keeping the game near Hampton Court. *Incloses,*

51. 1. *Note of the proportions to be supplied by* 17 *counties, for raising the* 900 *men additional.*

Nov. 26. 52. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and Middlesex. To raise 50 men extra in each county, for the service of the Palatinate, under Count Mansfeldt, the numbers formerly prescribed not sufficing.

Nov. 26. Newmarket. 53. Warrant permitting Dame Constance Lucy, widow, of St. Giles's Without, Cripplegate, to reside in London, on account of her age and infirmities.

53. 1. *Certificate by Dr. Wm. Paddy and Dr. Thos. Mounteford, that Lady Constance Lucy, of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, is too ill to be removed from her house into the country. Nov.* 19.

Nov. 26. Friday. 54. Sir Wm. Beecher to Sec. Conway. Buckingham's presence has settled the difficulties about Count Mansfeldt's expedition. The Count consents for 6,000*l.* to be abated for coat and conduct money, without deducting it afterwards from the soldiers. The Council of War are anxious about the clothing of the companies, and his Grace promises, if they will devise the means, to present a warrant to the King. Mansfeldt pressed for the officers to be named by the colonels and captains. The Duke replied that, though many were recommended by the King and others, the Council of War should have the nomination. He also promised him 12½ lasts of powder at his Majesty's prices, for which a warrant must be made out to Lord Carew.

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Nov. 26. Brooke House. 55. Lord Brooke to Sec. Conway. Hopes Sir Hatton Farmer will not succeed in getting confirmation of his surreptitious grant. Will think it hard in his old age, after 80 years' quiet possession, to be turned out by misinformation, and not even heard for himself.

Nov. 27. 56. The King to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. To admit Smith to the cure of St. Faith's, in place of Wm. Woodford, whom he wishes to promote, but cannot well effect it without their consent for Smith to succeed him.

Nov. 27. 57. Locke to Carleton. The officers for Count Mansfeldt's troops are appointed, and he will leave next week. Bonfires were ordered through the city and suburbs, on Sunday last, for the conclusion of the French match.

Nov. 27. Dover Castle. 58. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Thanks for his commendations to Sir John Hippisley Can entertain Sir John better than Mr. Marsh could, unless he borrowed furniture. Private matters. Wishes to be deputy for Ant. Hill, who goes in Count Mansfeldt's expedition, and is an able soldier. Landing of the French Ambassador, &c.

Nov. 27. Bramsell Park. 59. Lord Zouch to the Same. Wishes him a good journey to Court. Has a fit of the stone. Thanks for his care in his business. Prays that the match may be for good; it is a less evil than that with Spain.

Nov. 27. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. The King thinks it reasonable for him to have a warrant for paying moneys to the Earl of Carlisle. He approves his considerations on the reception of M. Ville-aux-clercs, and the requisite warrants are to be prepared. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 174.]

Nov. 27. [Newmarket.] 60. [The Same] to the Recorder of London. The King wishes private search to be made in London and its suburbs, for any strangers lately come over, who may be suspected to have had part in the late murder of the Duke of Croy, in his own house, at Brussels. His Majesty wishes it to be thoroughly pursued, both from his detestation of the deed, and his special estimation of the Duke.

Nov. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 174.]

Nov. 27. [Newmarket.] 61. [The Same] to the Lieutenant of Dover Castle. To the same effect, ordering special notice of such strangers as land in the Cinque Ports, and examination of those who are suspicious. Minute.

Nov. 27. Abstract of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 174.]

Nov. 27. [Newmarket.] 62. [The Same] to Sir Wm. Beecher. Sees no reason why the captains should choose the inferior officers, that privilege not having been granted to those who carried over the last volunteers, being reserved to the King by special contract, and unusual in war, where colonels, not captains, have the appointments. Mentions certain persons whom he wishes to be made officers. With abstract of a postscript, dated Nov. 28, recommending Lieut. Walkden and Capt. Thomson as officers, and thanking him for his care, that those recommended by Court may not be disappointed.

Nov. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 174.]

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Nov. 27. 63. Sir Wm. Beecher to Sec. Conway. Sends a copy of five articles, signed by Count Mansfeldt, to content the colonels and captains concerning the terms of their entertainment. The Council of War are appointing the lieutenants and ensigns; their care to present all those commended by Court is partly hindered by the Duke's desire for the colonels and captains to choose their own officers. The Count goes to Dover to-morrow. Wants a Privy Seal for advancement of money for himself, that he may make preparations, if the King resolves on sending him abroad.

Nov. 27. 64. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Sends, on behalf of his countrymen of Egham and Staines, a warrant for repair of Staines Bridge and Egham Causeway. Congratulates him on his appointment to the captaincy of the Isle of Wight, and recommends Nicholas Jordan, of the Inner Temple, living in Chichester, and a freeholder in the Isle, as his Steward.

Nov. 27. Westminster. 65. John Packer to the Same. His Lord recommends M. Du Moulin, for the Deanery of Ripon, if it can be held without residence, but if not, Dr. Wilson.

Nov. 27. Newmarket. 66. Note of Documents signed in His Majesty's presence, by his stamp in custody of the Earl of Annandale; viz.—

Warrant to Rich. Kerry, to have charge of the game in and about Hampton Court.

Letters to 14 Lieutenants of counties to levy 900 men, in addition to the 12,000 already raised, for employment under Count Mansfeldt.

Letter to the President of Wales, to levy 800 men in the several counties, Anglesea excepted, for service in Ireland.

Letter to the Earl of Worcester to levy 150 men in Glamorganshire, for that service. [*See Nov.* 25.]

Nov. [27?] 67. The King to the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. Requires him to levy, within that county, 150 men for the service of Ireland, the distracted state of neighbouring states requiring defence of a part of the realm so exposed to invasion.

Nov. 28. 68. The King to Sir Thos. Bennet and other Commissioners for the estates of London Bridge. To renew the lease of a tenement on reasonable conditions to Thos. Taylor.

Nov. 28. Southampton. 69. Relation of Roger Morse, of Southampton. Said to Mr. Morgan, that if Queen Elizabeth had lived a little longer, she would have made the King of Spain a poor King, to which he replied, that she was a witch; that England was weak, especially the castles; and that the King of Spain gave more to his soldiers in a year than the whole revenues of England. Answered him, that if Prince Henry had lived, we should have met Spain well enough, to which Morgan rejoined, that it was said that before that Prince's body was cold, his soul was frying on a gridiron in hell.

Nov. 28. 70. Relation of John Percher, of Southampton, confirmatory of the above.

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Nov. 28. Southampton. 71. Examination of Wm. Morgan, late of Canely, co. Somerset. Details his past life; is a schoolmaster and minister. His remarks, as above related, about Queen Elizabeth and Prince Henry, were only made as quoting what was said in Spain, and by a confessor in Rome; said himself, that if Spain had no other enemy, it would be stronger than England.

Nov. 28. Newmarket. 72. [Sec. Conway to Lord Brooke]. The Earl of Holderness wishes stay no longer to be made of a grant to Sir Hatton Farmer, of Pebworth. Has told the King that his Lordship [Brooke] is willing to submit to arbitration concerning his original right, but objects to the giving of a new grant, contrary to his own former grant from the Crown. His Majesty therefore willed the matter to be ended by a compromise.

Nov. 28. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 174.]

Nov. 28. 73. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Sends for signature a Privy Seal for the Deputies of Frankenthal. Wants allowance for his fees, when he was collector of the pretermitted customs. The King suffers by the delay of Sir Art. Ingram's matter; the alum is ill made, and there will soon be a lack. Thinks he should give a valuable consideration, and leave the works, or else the trial by law be expedited. Has agreed with the Lord Chamberlain about the charges of the [French] Ambassadors, if together they do not exceed 100*l.* per day. 20,000*l.* is required for the fleet.

Nov. 29. 74. Sir Wm. Beecher to the Same. The captains stand as before, and almost all the officers recommended from Court have been appointed, but the Council of War would not have a list sent, lest it should cause alterations to be made. The colonels desire drummers and surgeons.

Nov. 29. Dover. 75. John Reading to Nicholas. Thanks for favours. Mr. Sherman is to be told that he (Reading) thinks it will be hard to find a church living in the Duke's gift, neither above 100*l.* a year, nor so far below as to be worth having.

Nov. 29. Dover. 76. Wm. Jones to the Same. A Spanish fleet of 70 ships will be ready to sail in Spring. Orders are come for ships to transport the soldiers, to be ready this week. M. Ville-aux-clercs has landed, with a train of 80, and 16 coaches are gone to meet him. Indorsed are French notes [by Nicholas] of a letter to Sir John Hippisley, that the rendezvous [of the troops] will be at Dover on Christmas Eve; and to John Reading, that Lord Zouch does not expect him to know of the letter to Sherman.

Nov. 29. Dover. 77. Wm. Leonard to the Same. Has claimed 15*l.* for groundage fees due to the Lord Warden, from the master of a ship which grounded on Goodwin Sands, but was got off again.

Nov. 29. 78. Copy of part of the above.

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Nov. 29. Edmund Hall. 79. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Complains of his silence. Congratulates him on his entry into the service of the Duke [of Buckingham]. Latin. Indorsed is a note of the style and offices of the Duke of Buckingham.

Nov. 29. [Newmarket.] 80. [Sec. Conway] to Att. Gen. Coventry. The King wishes him to consider a petition of Lady Vaux, for a continuance of a grant to her use of two thirds of the lands of Wyborne [a convict recusant], on account of her extreme wants; and, if her allegations are true, to prepare a grant accordingly.

Nov. 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 175.]

Nov. 30. [Newmarket.] 81. [The Same] to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Thanks for favours. Has told the King about the agreement for the entertainment of M. Ville-aux-clercs. He is sorry there needs 20*l.* additional, understanding it at 80*l.* Knows not whether His Majesty will lodge him here or at Cambridge.

Nov. 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 175.]

Nov. 30. [Newmarket.] 82. [The Same] to Sec. Calvert. The King finds, as he expected, that De Bodt is an impostor, and has dismissed him. He wishes there to be no further expense with him, and that he be advised not to attempt to abuse His Majesty again, with unfounded conceits of his own.

Nov. 30. Minute of the above. [*Ibid., p.* 174.]

Nov. 30. Blandford. 83. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorsetshire to the Council. Have levied the 250 men required of them. The Isle of Purbeck, under colour of letters patent, refuses to furnish its proportion, and many fugitives resort thither to be freed. Recommend Fras. Uvedale, who has long served in the wars, for employment.

Nov. 30. 84. The King to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a bill for Sec. Conway of the office of Captain of the Isle of Wight, vacant by death of the Earl of Southampton. Minute.

Nov. 30. 85. Estimate, by the Navy Commissioners, of the charge of setting out a fleet of 12 ships for five months, the Prince with 500 men for two months, and 50 Newcastle ships for six months. Total, 94,874*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Nov. 30? 86. Certificate of the men and ordnance which a ship of 300 tons and a Newcastle ship of 220 tons will carry.

Nov. 30? 87. Statement of the size and length of the ropes required for fitting up a ship, and storing it for six months.

Nov. 30. Warrant for renewal of the commission of Lieutenancy for Lincolnshire, with the addition of Sir Wm. Pelham as Deputy Lieutenant. [*Docquet.*]

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Nov. 30. Sandwich. 88. Peter Mace to Nicholas. Has told the owners of the goods in a small vessel of Dartmouth, that nothing can be done about them without Nicholas's order. *Incloses,*

88. 1. *Thos. Fulnetby to the Same. A Dartmouth bark ran aground [near Ramsgate], laden with hides, aqua vitæ, and yarns. Sir Rich. Bingley wishes to take Capt. White's ship into the Downs. Is loath to let her go without warrant.*

Nov. 30 ? 89. List of the Colonels and Captains, and the number of soldiers raised in each county severally assigned to them, amounting to 12,900 men, for the service under Count Mansfeldt.

Nov. ? 90. [Buckingham], Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, to ——. The Cinque Ports having always been exempted from the payment of fifteenths, regrets that Sir Edw. Sawyer will not receive the accounts of the Sheriff of Kent unless they are paid. Would not have his entrance into his place signalized by the overthrow of one of the chiefest privileges.

Nov. 91. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Recommends the suit of Mr. Read, who has agreed with Mr. Kaye for purchase of the office of Surveyor of the Ordnance, he being an abler man than Kaye. The caveat for Sir Ralph Sydenham was obtained on misinformation, Kaye having a reversion before Sir Ralph, whose reversion will be only the nearer, as Read is an older man than Kaye. *Annexing,*

91. 1. *Instructions [by Mr. Read] for delivery of this letter and his petition, and showing that this being an exchange of an officer, not the death or removal of one, Sir Ralph Sydenham's claim of the reversion is not thereby affected.*

Nov. ? 92. Petition of Peter Billingham to the Commissioners of the Navy. Lost all he had by the wreck of the Speedwell, off Flushing; was left there to see what could be saved from the wreck, and incurred sundry charges thereby. Thanks for their gift of 6*l.*; intreats further remuneration, and employment in one of the ships now going out. With reference thereon to Capt. Chudleigh, and his report in favour of the petitioner.

Nov. ? 93. Statement of the case of the pre-election, on Nov. 8, 1624, by the influence of Dr. Beale, of three fellows of Pembroke Hall [Cambridge]. It was done when there was no vacancy, without sufficient notice, and when 5 of the 17 fellows were absent, and 4 refused their consent; therefore only 8 voted for them, not making a majority. *Annexing,*

93. 1. *Statutes of the college, showing that the consent of the majority is necessary to the validity of an election. Latin.*

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93. II. *Questions as to the validity of the aforesaid election, with replies [by Dr. Ryves], that pre-elections are injurious, and contrary to statute; that the absence of the members was not contumacious, they being ignorant that the meeting was held for the election of fellows; and that the election was precipitate, and unusual, and is void in law.*

Nov. ? 94. Copy of the above three articles, with the opinions, signed by Dr. Ryves.

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Dec. 1. ? 1. Statement [addressed to Sec. Conway by Mr. Sotheby], that in the village of Stanton, diocese of Norwich, he is instituted to two livings, of which one, All Saints, is allowed exemption from tithes, on payment of 1*d.* yearly; therefore the inhabitants of the other, St. John Baptist, remove into that, so as to threaten the ruin of All Saints' church and parish. Has sued several of them, but they combine to weary him out. Requests the King to order the Bishop of Norwich to keep an equal balance between the churches.

Dec. 1. Newmarket. 2. The King to the Bp. of Norwich. Requests him to settle the differences between the minister and parishioners of the above two parishes of Stanton, Suffolk, by ordering the inhabitants of each to remain within their respective parishes.

Dec. 1. 3. Draft of the above.

Dec. 1. Warwick. 4. Earl of Northampton to the Council. Has levied in Warwickshire 200 able men, who wait for the captains. Asks whether, in case of desertion, other men are to be pressed, &c., and whether the levies are to be kept together; if so, how they are to be maintained.

Dec. 1. Barnstaple. 5. Mayor, &c. of Barnstaple to the Same. Send up McDonogh O'Sullivan, an Irishman, travelling with a suspicious pass, who refused to take the Oath of Allegiance; have imprisoned Philip Russell, his companion, who had no pass. *Incloses,*

5. I. *Pass granted by Sir Thos. Roper to Cnogora McDonogh O'Sullivan, of Inyslahquine, co. Kerry. Bantry, Oct.* 25.

5. II. *Examination of Cnogora McDonogh O'Sullivan. Came over to petition Council, on wrongs offered him concerning lands in Ireland. Is a gentleman born, and led* 100 *men of his own friends, when he bore arms in defence of Queen Elizabeth in Ireland. Barnstaple, Nov.* 29.

5. III. *Examination of Philip Russell, of Walley, alias Clowne, Limerick. Is a tailor, and came to England to find work, and to see his brother who lives with Sir Rich. Wenman. Will not take the Oath of Allegiance, not knowing what it means. Barnstaple, Nov.* 30.

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Dec. 1. 6. Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Has spoken to Burlamachi about the money, but he hopes no more assignments will be made at present upon the ordnance, many sums having to be paid out of it. He will attend to this 500*l.* and the 1,200*l.* for the Frankenthal deputies. He thinks the Queen of Bohemia would prefer her jewel in money. Rejoices at the King's good opinion of him, but would have been glad to be present at the solemnity, [reception of M. Ville-aux-Clercs], being so favourable to the business.

Dec. 2. Newmarket. 7. Buckingham to the Same. To advance the suit of Mr. Gifford with a gentleman with whom Conway has some influence.

Dec. 2. Whitehall. 8. Order in Council, that the Attorney General look to the order of the board, &c. prefixed, and, finding the information correct, prepare a commission to certain persons named, as desired. *Prefixing.*

8. I. *Order in Council, that divers houses in the Minories, portions of the Tower wharf and ditch, portcullis and western gates, &c.,—formerly reserved for gunners, wheelwrights, and other artificers connected with the defence of the realms, but of which leases have been granted by Sir Roger Dallison and Sir Thos. Monson,—be restored to the previous uses, and they summoned before Council, for breach of trust in letting them; and that a commission be granted, to consider of recompence to those whose interests are injured thereby. Whitehall, July* 4, 1620.

8. II. *Commissioners* [*on abuses about the Tower*] *to the Council. Find none of the houses or lands above detailed restored, but more built since, tending greatly to prejudice the King's service. The Commission for granting recompence was never issued, but will be requisite, if the former order for pulling down houses, &c. be put in execution. June* 9, 1622.

Dec. 2. [Newmarket.] 9. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Clifford. The King being informed that he has bought a very fleet hound, desires him to send it to him. The message may be unacceptable, but it shows his Majesty's freedom with his lordship.

Dec. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 175.]

Dec. 2. Newmarket. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. To order a Privy Seal for repayment to Robt. Halfheid, Gamekeeper at Royston, of moneys disbursed by him. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Dec. 3. London. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. On the Ambassador's journey to Court, and what should be done to give more lustre to his entertainment. Desires to have a time appointed to attend his Lordship to confer on these matters. He is to prepare a present for the Ambassador. [*Ibid.*]

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Dec. 3. Bewdley. 10. Wm. Earl of Northampton, Lord President of Wales, to the Council. Sends the inclosed, though believing that the vigilance of ministers abroad will make it of little moment. *Incloses,*

10. i. *Wm. Risam to the Earl of Northampton. Wm. Nurry, just arrived in his vessel from St. Lucar, in Spain, reports that a "great and mightie navie," far greater than that of* 1588, *is gathering in Spain, and is believed to be intended for Ireland. Tenby, Nov.* 27, 1624.

Dec. 3. Newmarket. 11. Earl of Kelly to Sec. Conway. Thanks for favour to his nephew, Harry Erskine. The King wishes the Commissioners to make a quiet and settled end.

Dec. 3. [Ware.] 12. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. Sends a letter from Sir Dud. Carleton, which shows that the States intend to give satisfaction in the Amboyna business. Wishes the King and Prince to approve of the list of officers for Ireland. Particulars of those who are to go. Warrants are needed, for the transport of ammunition and horses, from his Majesty and his Grace.

Dec. 3. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 175.]

Dec. 4. London. The Same to the Att. Gen. Coventry. Explains his former directions about Lady Vaux. [*Minute, Ibid., p.* 176.]

Dec. 4. [London.] 13. [The Same] to the Same. Before presenting to the King the petition of the town of [Congleton], requests to know whether the additional privileges desired are fitting for His Majesty to grant, and such as will not be prejudicial to the commonalty of the town.

Dec. 4. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 176.]

Dec. 4. 14. Locke to Carleton. The captains are gone into the country to levy soldiers, and bring them to Dover, where Buckingham, as Lord Warden, is to provide shipping to take them on board at once, lest they be troublesome to the country. The French Ambassador Extraordinary has arrived, and is lodged at Suffolk House.

Dec. 4. London. 15. Chamberlain to [the Same]. Rejoicings ordered, by organs, bells, bonfires, and guns, for the forwardness of the French match, which has been solemnized at [the French] Court. Tom Carey is sent to France, with a love-letter and jewel for the bride; she is expected in the end of January, and Buckingham, with six Earls, and many nobles, is going to fetch her. M. Ville-aux-clercs has come to see the articles signed and sworn; he lodges at Suffolk House, with the other Ambassadors, and they have 100*l.* a day allowed for diet,—more than allowed by Queen Elizabeth, even when a prince of the blood came. Ville-aux-clercs is to have audience at Cambridge, where the scholars must find some new flattery, unless they give him what was lately served up to the Spaniard. Mansfeldt has had a present of 500*l.* from the City; he went to

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the French church, to falsify reports that he is a Papist or infidel: all the world runs after him. On rumours of disturbances in Ireland, Florence McCarty is again sent to the Tower, and the Earl of Ormond and Baron Lixnaw or Kerry restrained. Earl Marshal Arundel has declared Harris, a Baronet of Shropshire, to be no gentleman, but could not revoke his patent, which is under the Great Seal. Death of Sir Noel de Caron, who has made the Prince his heir; also of Sir Rich. Spencer, and Sir Wm. Clarke. Sec. Conway has the government of the Isle of Wight.

Dec. 4. London. 16. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. The time of Buckingham's journey to France is not fixed. M. Ville-aux-clercs, Ambassador Extraordinary and Madame's Secretary, has arrived, and gone to the King at Newmarket; he is to be lodged at Cambridge. Sends some of the proposed marriage articles, but hopes the temporal conditions will prove more plausible than those of religion, or Parliament will be dissatisfied. The people are so already, at our trusting so many of our men to Count Mansfeldt, for an uncertain service, at an unseasonable time. Many of the chief Irish are sent to the Tower, and troops despatched for Ireland. Count Mansfeldt lies at Dover, waiting for his troops; the trumpets sound to draw in volunteers with horses, at 20*s.* a week; no news yet of his Hamburg soldiers. The Queen of Bohemia's 10,000*l.* for the month, and 500*l.* for her lying-in, are ordered, but the extremity of want and arrears in the Exchequer make ready money hard to get. The strangers' pirate money, from which Carleton's allowance has been paid, ceases at Christmas. The Prince has lately given 20,000*l.* to Buckingham, who is to have 30,000*l.* more from Viscounts and Barons, and 40,000*l.* towards his journey to France.

Dec. 4. 17. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The Clerk of the Signet is to draw a grant of a pension of 100*l.* to Peter Wyche, for services to the King.

Dec. 4. 18. Sir John Jephson to the Same. Knows no obstacle but his old age to prevent him from the command of a company in Ireland, which, if granted, would take away the greatest scorn he ever suffered. Begs the King's letter to the electors of New College, Oxford, for a scholarship for his nephew, John Lucas, a Winchester scholar.

Dec. 4. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Satisfaction is given to the Colonels, who see their errors, and now make a moderate proposition. Particulars of a visit to the French Ambassador. The Lords are considering about his journey, and the time for it, and think the King should be at Cambridge first. Advice of the Lord Chamberlain on the Ambassador's reception by the King and Duke. Had a conversation about entertainments with him, and he sent particular acknowledgments to the Duke. Sir John Eyre's diamond is to be bought for a present to him. The Lords do not visit him till after his audience. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 176.]

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Dec. 5. Newmarket. 19. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The Lord Steward and Lord Chamberlain are to visit the French Ambassador, by the King's command, to see that he has what is convenient for his diet and lodging. No other officers are to go till he has been with the King.

Dec. 5. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Thos. Smythe. Recommends the furtherance of the trade for Persian silks, propounded by Sir Robt. Shirley. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk, p.* 176.]

Dec. 6. London. The Same to the Chancellor [of the Exchequer]. To order a grant to Peter Wyche of a pension of 100*l.* [*Ibid, p.* 177.]

Dec. 6. 20. Account of money disbursed by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, in attendance, and for coaches supplied to Marquis d'Effiat, and M. Ville-aux-clercs, since Nov. 18. Total, 304*l.* 16*s.*

Dec. 6? 21. Address of the East India Merchants to the Council. Their requests are, that the King will vindicate the death of his murdered subjects; compel restitution of confiscated goods; demand hostages for the safety of the company's agents still abroad; dissolve the contract of 1619 for joint trade with the Dutch; permit the company to erect forts for their protection abroad; and allow reprisals for injuries committed. With the King's reply, granting the above requests, and offering to become an adventurer in the trade, and to take it under his patronage, if desired.

Dec, 6. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Heath. To prepare a commission to the East India merchants to build forts in the Indies, according to former treaties. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 177.]

Dec. 6. [London.] 22. [The Same] to the Council of War. Requests that his cousin, Mr. Gorges, may be transferred to the Earl of Lincoln's regiment, by changing places with Sir Edw. Fleetwood. Jas. Steward and Thos. Saverton, long in the list of officers for Ireland, are to be removed to the present troops.

Dec. 6. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 177.]

Dec. 6. Dover Castle. 23. Wm. Eldred to Nicholas. Desires his influence for confirmation of his appointment, by the Commissioners of Survey, as Master Gunner of the Cinque Ports. The ordnance sent from the Tower to the several forts is so bad that it is only good to lie rotting. Advises that one man be appointed to receive and indent for the ordnance for all the Cinque Ports.

Dec. 6. Ramsgate. 24. Thos. Fulnetby to the Same. Has been too ill to satisfy him about the West Ports. Sends his Commission of Serjeantcy of the Admiralty [of the Cinque Ports]. The sullen citizens [of Dartmouth] should be quickened to send for their goods, which are getting spoiled.

Dec. 6. Winterbourne. 25. Matt. Nicholas to the Same. Is sorry to find himself deceived in the rumour of his brother's promotion to the service of the Duke of Buckingham. Latin.

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Dec. 7. London. 26. Dr. Godfrey Goodman, Bp. elect of Gloucester, to Sec. Conway. Requests respite of the request for Dr. Gwynn to be Chancellor of Gloucester, until he can give information in his own right on the business.

Dec. 7. Inner Temple. 27. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. Thinks the petition of the Corporation of Congleton, Cheshire, for extension of privileges, may be granted, with some qualifications, the town growing more populous and trading; but as it belongs to the County Palatine of Chester, and the perquisites of the Courts Leet and Baron belong to the King, care must be taken that his revenues are advanced, by the offer of the Corporation to farm these perquisites at a rental.

Dec. 7. Paul's. 28. Dr. John Donne, Dean of St. Paul's, to the Same. Has performed the King's recommendation for Mr. Smith to succeed Mr. Woodford in the living of St. Faith's, though he had previously granted it to another, and had to recall that grant, influence the chapter, and waive his turn of presentation. Is glad thus to serve His Majesty, having received from him not only his livelihood but his priesthood.

Dec. 9. Londesbrough. 29. Lord Clifford to the Same. The hound is unfit for present service, many others surpassing her; but will try to bring her in good condition, and others also, to Newmarket, when the King returns thither. [*See Dec.* 2.]

Dec. 9. 30. Sir John Bourchier to the Same. Prays that he will expedite the conclusion of the two tedious and chargeable businesses of alum and soap; is already 5,000*l.* out of pocket, and the delay will bring more loss. The only way to prevent Sir Art. Ingram's ruin is, to accept the offer he has made.

Dec. ? 31. Statement [by Sir John Bourchier to Sec. Conway], showing by what means the King may realize 20,000*l.* yearly from the rents on alum and soap works. Sir Art. Ingram should repair the alum works before Candlemas, when the new contract is to begin. The late restraint of sale of potash will not be needful, if there be an order to forbid sale of any soap that is not sweet, and import of any soap; which will be just, as the present soap boilers can make it sweet.

Dec. 9. London. 32. Sir Thos. Edmondes to the Same. Reports on the business between Mr. Lee and his under keeper of Chingford Walk, John Knight. Finds that Knight is of a turbulent, insolent disposition; his complaints against his master for negligence in the Walk are unfounded, as the number of deer is doubled; nor is Mr. Lee too lenient with offenders about the game, only cautioning Knight not causelessly to molest people. Requested Lee to re-admit Knight, on the King's mediation. He lays all he has at his Majesty's feet, but hopes not to be required to take back so insolent a servant. *Incloses,*

32. 1. *Articles exhibited by Mr. Lee against John Knight, for misdemeanours against the game, in his place as under keeper, &c., and for insolence towards himself, as his master. With Knight's answers thereto.*

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Dec. 9. Cambridge. 33. The King to Dr. Mansell, Vice Chancellor, &c. of Cambridge. To advance Wm. Shaw and John Lesly, his chaplains. Thos. Reyment, his sub-almoner, and Thos. Topham, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, to the degree of Doctors in Divinity, notwithstanding any statute to the contrary. With note subjoined, of another letter of like tenor for John Towers, dated Cambridge, Dec. 10.

Dec. 10. Whitehall. 34. Lord Chamb. Pembroke to Carleton. Though proceedings are slow, the King will prove to the world his affection to the cause. Thinks the present war had better be styled a war for the kingdom of Bohemia than for religion. Never saw the kingdom so affectionate for any business, &c.

Dec. 10. Rosenthal. 35. John Hassall to the Same. Thanks for the Queen of Bohemia's prudence, in delaying her recommendations of him till Buckingham's return. Fears to misuse her influence by accepting so poor a preferment as the deanery of Norwich, worth only 160*l.* a year, and yet fears by refusing it to offend Mr. Comptroller, who offers it him. Asks advice.

Dec. 11. 36. Locke to the Same. The soldiers will not reach Dover by the 24th. Sir Jas. Ley went to Cambridge, to receive the staff from the King.

Dec. 11. Frome. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Somersetshire, of 100 foot soldiers, pressed in that county, with 56*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* conduct money, to Lieut. John Brand and Hen. Grange, on behalf of Lieut.-Col. Ralph Hopton, and Capt. Hen. Killigrew. With schedule of their names annexed. [*Case B., James I., No.* 1.]

Dec. 11. Frome. Like indenture and schedule of 250 foot soldiers, with 141*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* conduct money, delivered to Lieut.-Col. Ralph Hopton. [*Ibid., No.* 2.]

Dec. 11. [London.] 37. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Thos. Smythe. Hoped to have received a more gallant answer from him about the Persian trade, which offers more than the ordinary advantages of commerce. His coldness might have discouraged all, but the wisdom of the King and State sees more importance in this overture than he does, and as they condescend to call on him as a counsellor and assistant, he should not refuse the honour; age cannot make a wise man incapable of good things, and he cannot give his enviers a greater favour than to forsake such an opportunity. Wishes him for a partner, not merely for his own sake, but because his counsel and assistance will be advantageous.

Dec. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 177.]

Dec. 11. Cambridge. 38. [The Same] to the Earl of Lincoln. Recommends Capt. Burton to the place [of Serjeant-Major] in his regiment which Capt. Bonithon cannot undertake, on account of a hurt in his knee, and Mr. Blaby to fill the captaincy thus made vacant.

Dec. 11. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk. p.* 177.]

Dec. 11. Cambridge. The Same to Sir Wm. Beecher. To the same purport as the preceding. [*Ibid.*]

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Dec. 11. Cambridge. 39. The King to [the Vice-Chancellor, &c.] of Cambridge. To admit Gabriel Moore as Doctor in Divinity, Harrington Butler and Geo. Barsey as Masters of Arts, and Michael Gilbert as Bachelor of Arts, notwithstanding any statutes to the contrary. With note of a letter for Laur. Burnel to be Doctor of Divinity.

Dec. 12. 40. The Same to the Same. To admit Thos. Warner, one of His Majesty's Chaplains, made Master of Arts 15 years before, to the degree of Doctor of Divinity, as fully as though he had performed the usual exercises.

Dec. 12. Cambridge. 41. The Same to the Same. To admit Abm. Gibson to be Doctor in Divinity, notwithstanding any statutes to the contrary. With note of a similar letter for Thos. Fanshaw to be Master of Arts. Dec. 12. *Annexing,*

41. I. *Certificate by Dr. Owen Gwynn, that Abm. Gibson, of St. John's College, Cambridge, took the degree of Bachelor of Divinity seven years ago, and is efficient in learning, and conformable to the Church. St. John's, Cambridge. Dec.* 10.

Dec. 12. 42. The Same to [the Same]. Grants them a dispensation to confer the degree of Master of Arts upon all persons by them found fit, to extend only to the 12th and 13th of the present December.

Dec. 12. [Cambridge.] 43. [Sec. Conway] to the Same. Is commissioned by the King, who is too unwell to sign a letter himself, to request that Geo. Seaton may be made Bachelor of Divinity now, instead of next term, and at as little charge as possible; he desires the King's dispensation for it, in order to avoid expense.

Dec. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 177 *bis.*]

Dec. 12. [Cambridge.] 44. [The Same] to Sir John Burroughs. Requests him to conduct 50 men, levied in Surrey, to Dover, Mr. Frost, the Serjeant-Major's Lieutenant, being unable to conduct them, as he has to attend the 200 men from [Cambridge].

Dec. 12. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 177.]

Dec. 12. Cambridge. 45. List of Documents signed by the King's stamp in his presence, containing, beside papers given elsewhere, the following:—

Confirmation of the marriage articles between the Prince and Lady Marie of France.

Exemplification of the oath, in conformity with the 9th article of the marriage treaty.

A French paper, called "Secret Escript."

Dec. 12. 46. Duplicate of the above.

Dec. 12. Winterbourne. 47. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. His wife and child have arrived. There is to be a marriage between Mr. Tyrell and Dame Eliz. Evelyn.

Dec. 13. Deal. 48. John Clarke to the Same. Sir Rich. Bingley inquired from him what goods had been wrecked near shore, and said he was authorized to look after them, and also bade him show his warrant for receiving fees from passengers, and claimed them for himself.

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Dec. 13. Dover. 49. Wm. Jones to Nicholas. The Commissioners for Passage thank the Duke for his renewal of their Commission. Wishes their instructions to contain orders for a fee to be paid to himself by the passengers. An Italian gentleman, named Spinelo, who landed at Dover, is confined to his lodging, for fear of any danger against Count Mansfeldt. A warrant is received for the soldiers to be called over before Sir John Hippisley and the Mayor of Dover, to see that each company is full. Waggons of apparel for them have arrived.

Dec [13 ?] 50. Advice given [by Nicholas] to Sir John Hippisley, on his appointment as Lieutenant of Dover Castle. To inform himself from the inferior officers of the duties of his service, and tell all how careful the Lord Warden will be to have impartial justice administered, to appoint upright judges in his jurisdiction, and to maintain the rights of the Cinque Ports. To look to the arming and training of the bands, and take all needful measures for the safety of the ports. To conciliate the nobility of Kent and Sussex, and to show them that the Lord Warden values their good will, and will not encroach on their rights, though he will maintain those of his own place. To be careful not to allow men to hide in the Cinque Ports, to avoid the press. To have barks in readiness at Dover and Sandwich, for transport of Count Mansfeldt's soldiers on the 24th, and to send word to the Lord Warden and Council of War what provision is made for their victuals, and for prevention of disorders. To make strict inquiry into all the rights and profits of the Lord Warden, that the service may be upheld, and Lord Zouch's pension paid. To certify the numbers, &c. of the officers and garrisons of the forts under his Grace's command, and what vacancies there are. To order Sir Rich. Bingley, the Droit Gatherers, and others to send accounts of all profits, from the time of the Duke's contract with Lord Zouch.

Dec. 13. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of the West Division of Northamptonshire, of 100 soldiers to Capt. John Zouch. With schedule of their names and dwellings. [*Case B., James I., No.* 3.]

Dec. 13. Taunton. Like indenture, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Somersetshire, for 50 soldiers, with 20*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* conduct money, to John Brand, Lieutenant to Capt. Hen. Killigrew. With schedule of names. [*Ibid., No.* 4.]

Dec. 13. Taunton. Like indenture, and schedule of 100 foot soldiers, with 56*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* conduct money, delivered to Fras. Kerton, Lieutenant to Capt. Walter Reynells. [*Ibid., No.* 5.]

Dec. 13. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Monmouthshire, of 50 soldiers, with 25*l.* conduct money, to Rich. Hall, of Cretford, Lincolnshire, and Owen Parry, of Kingstone, Herefordshire, officers to Capt. Fowler. With schedule of names. [*Ibid., No.* 6.]

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Dec. 13. New Sarum. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire, of 100 men, out of Sir Thos. Thynne's division in the south-west part of the county, to Lieut. Thos. Read, Deputy of Capt. Woodhouse; with their names. [*Case B., James I., No.* 7.]

Dec. 13. [Cambridge.] 51. [Sec. Conway] to Sir Wm. Beecher. Finds that Capt. Burton is not in the same regiment as Capt. Bonithon; and as it would not be well to take a Serjeant-Major from another regiment, advises that Capt. Worley be made Serjeant-Major, and Capt. Blaby have Worley's company. With note of a letter of like tenor to the Earl of Lincoln

Dec. 13. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 13. Cambridge. The Same to the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge. To admit Mr. Reading to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. [*Minute, Ibid.*].

Dec. 13. Cambridge. 52. Certificate, by the Earl of Annandale, that a declaration concerning the employment of the King's subjects under Count Mansfeldt, for recovery of the Palatinate, was signed by the King's stamp, in his Majesty's presence.

Dec. 14. Cambridge. 53. Certificate by the Same, of Documents signed by the King's stamp, in his presence, at Cambridge; viz.:—

Letters to the French King, thanking him for his good affection towards the completion of the match, and for sending so worthy a person as M. Ville-aux-clercs, as Ambassador.

Letter of the like tenor to the Queen Mother and the Queen of France.

Grant to Sir Robt. Pye, and his successors in the [Exchequer] Office, of 2*s.* a day, towards the maintenance of an extraordinary clerk, and confirming to the office all former fees, and a dwelling-house belonging to it.

Dispensation to make Rich. Catcher Doctor of Physic.

Warrant to reprieve John Goodwin, prisoner in Derby Gaol for horse-stealing, and to send him into the Low Countries, to serve in the wars.

Dec. 14. Cambridge. 54. Warrant for a grant to Sec. Conway of 2,000*l.* per ann. out of the profits of the alum and soap works, in compensation for his great trouble about them; to commence from the new contract, at the next Purification Day.

Dec. 14. Cambridge. Proclamation for the apprehension of Edw. Ekins, a principal malefactor in a late outrage in Higham-Ferrers Park, by killing deer, wounding the keepers, &c. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 126.]

Dec. 14. Cambridge. Sec. Conway to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. To admit Roger Kirkwood as Tailor of the Robes, in place of John Cotord, on his resignation. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 14. Henley. Indenture, and roll of delivery, by Visct. Wallingford, Lord Lieutenant, and Sir Rich. Wenman, Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, of 50 men, with 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* conduct money, to Wm. Gilman, Serjeant to Capt. Thos. Woodhouse. With schedule of their names. [*Case B., James I., No.* 8.]

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Dec. 14. Like indenture and schedule of 200 men, with 60*l.* conduct money, delivered to Capt. Sir Edw. Fleetwood. [*Case B., James I., No.* 9.]

[Dec. 14.] Duplicate of the above indenture and schedule. [*Ibid., No.* 10.]

Dec. 14. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Huntingdonshire, of 100 soldiers to Capt. Cromwell. With schedule of names. [*Ibid., No.* 11.]

Dec. 14. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Lincolnshire, of 250 men from Kesteven and Holland, with 108*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* conduct money, to Robt. Blowe, Ensign to the Earl of Lincoln; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 12.]

Dec. 14. Indenture of delivery, by the Earl of Huntingdon, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, of 200 soldiers, to Capt. Thos. Skipwith; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 13.]

Dec. 14. Duplicate of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 14.]

Dec. 15. [Marlborough.] Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire of 250 soldiers to Phil. Garway and John Tirwhit, officers of Lieut.-Colonel Dutton; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 15.]

Dec. 15. [Marlborough.] Duplicate of the above indenture. [*Ibid., No.* 16.]

Dec. 15. Oundle. Schedule of names of 100 soldiers, levied in the eastern division of Northamptonshire, and delivered, to David Pomfrey, Lieutenant to Capt. John Zouch. [*Ibid., No.* 17.]

Dec. 15. Roll of names of 50 soldiers, levied in the Division of the Forest, Gloucestershire, and delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants to Rich. Hall, Lieutenant to Capt. Fowler. [*Ibid., No.* 18.]

Dec. 15. Blandford. 55. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorsetshire to the Council. Have delivered the 200 men all ready to Capt. John Barlee, and the subsidy collector of the county has advanced 86*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for their expenses for 13 days, in travelling to Dover, and 20*l.* to the captain for his expenses, which sums he requests may be allowed on his account. *Annexing,*

1. *Indenture of delivery of the above* 200 *soldiers. With schedule of their names.* [*Case B., James I., No.* 19.]

Dec. 16. Cambridge. 56. Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Mr. Scandaver is to have 50*l.* advanced for the expenses of bringing 30 or 40 red deer from Yorkshire to Burghley. The King is better, and hopes to be at Royston to-morrow.

Dec. 16. Yarmouth. 57. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to [the Council]. Have received their orders to prevent the exportation of herrings in English ships, to be transferred into foreign ships when at sea. This course has hitherto been constantly adopted, uncensured, but since their order, no such thing has been attempted. Forbear to bind over the leaders to appear before Council, unless further ordered to do so.

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Dec. 16. Staple Inn. 58. Fras. Morrice to Sir John Coke. Returns a copy of the warrant, having interlined a clause for repair of the ships lately distressed at sea, which, if passed by the King, will be obeyed as far as the subsidy treasure permits. *Prefixing,*

58. 1. *The King to the Council of War. Confirms his previous order for repayment of sums advanced by the Duke of Buckingham for setting forth* 12 *ships for sea; orders that all extraordinary charges for the increase and storing of the fleet, not needed in times of peace, be borne from the Parliamentary subsidies, as agreed on by the State, but the ordinary charges of two ships and a pinnace for the Narrow Seas, and a pinnace for Ireland, from his own revenues. Orders them therefore to issue moneys for supply of* 13 *large ships and* 100 *Newcastle ships, to be fitted for service, and furnished with ordnance; for the repair of vessels lately injured at sea; for their storing with munition, victuals, &c.; and for the enlargement of the Navy stores, munition, &c., as far as can be done, not interfering with the payments to the troops sent to the Low Countries and to Ireland, those to John Evelyn for powder, or the sums disbursed for Count Mansfeldt.*

Dec. 16. 59. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. A London vessel has run aground, laden with groceries. A ship of Rotterdam was cast away at Seaford, and Sir Edw. Burton and others have taken some of the wines, and sell them. Mr. Elfick should be punished for allowing such things.

Dec. 16. [Warwick.] Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire, of 200 soldiers to Capt. John Pell; with a list of their names. [*Case B., James* I., *No.* 20.]

Dec. 16. Duplicate of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 21.]

Dec. 16. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Berkshire, of 200 soldiers, with conduct money, to Capt. Fras. Bassett; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 22.]

Dec. 16. Duplicate of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 23.]

Dec. 16. Indenture of delivery, by the Earl of Huntingdon, Lord Lieutenant of Rutlandshire, of 50 soldiers, with their conduct money, to Wm. Sterne, Lieutenant of Capt. Ouseley; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 24.]

Dec. 16. Roll of 100 men, pressed in the division of the Seven hundreds of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants to Capt. Fowler. [*Ibid., No.* 25.]

Dec. 16. [Lincoln.] Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Lincolnshire, of 250 soldiers, pressed in Lindsay and the city of Lincoln, with 125*l.* conduct money, to Geo. Alleyne, Lieutenant Colonel to the Earl of Lincoln; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

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Dec. 17. [Warwick.] Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire, of 50 soldiers to Thos. Searle, Conductor for Capt. Thos. Woodhouse; with list of their names. [*Case B., James I., No.* 27.]

Dec. 17. Winchester. 60. Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire to the Council. Have delivered to the captains the 650 men levied for the Palatinate, paying them 6*d.* each impress money, and advancing 195*l.* for the expenses of their nine days' march from Winchester to Dover. Request allowance of the same to the collectors of subsidies and fifteenths, who have advanced it. *Inclose,*

I. *Indenture of delivery of* 150 *men, and* 45*l. conduct money, to Capt. Wm. Lake; with list of their names. Dec.* 15. [*Case B., James* I., *No.* 28.]

II. *Duplicate of the above. Dec.* 15. [*Ibid., No.* 29.]

III. *Like indenture, and list of* 250 *men, and* 60*l. conduct money, delivered to Capt. Vincent Wright. Dec.* 15. [*Ibid., No.* 30.]

IV. *Like indenture, and list of* 200 *men, and* 80*l. conduct money, delivered to Capt. Robt. Gorges. Dec.* 15. [*Ibid., No.* 31.]

V. *Like indenture, and list of* 100 *men, and* 30*l. conduct money, delivered to John Laud, Deputy of Serjeant-Major Killigrew. Dec.* 15. [*Ibid., No.* 32.]

Dec. 17. Hythe. 61. Jas. Fordred, Clerk of the Passage at Hythe, to Nicholas. Sends the commission of passage for renewal; the former Commissioners being all dead but one, nominates others who are suitable for appointment.

Dec. 17. Trinity College, Cambridge. 62. The King to the University of Cambridge. Understanding that the University is injured, and young students deprived of learned exercises, by the Royal Letters ordering the election of certain persons as doctors, requests that those letters shall in future only be observed, on the parties giving security for the performance of all such exercises as are required by their degrees.

Dec. 17. Grant to Sec. Conway of the office of Captain of the Isle of Wight, as formerly held by the Earl of Southampton, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 17. Lease to Alex. Forester, the King's servant, of the courts of Burwell manor, co. Cambridge, on rental of 4*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, and on surrender of his former lease thereof. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 17. Grant, in reversion, to Wm. Hawkins of one of the four Clerkships of the Privy Seal, the grant having been made in April, 1623, "before a full stay of reversions was made." [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 17. Warrant for delivery of 12½ lasts of gunpowder, for the use of Count Mansfeldt. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 17. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Shropshire, of 200 soldiers to Wm. Horsey, Lieutenant to Capt. Beaton; with list of their names. [*Case C., James I., No.* 1.]

Dec. 17. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of the west division of Northamptonshire, of 25 soldiers to Capt. Norton. With schedule of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 2.]

Dec. 17. Like indenture and schedule of 25 soldiers, delivered to Roger Pennant, Ensign to Capt. Mostyn. [*Ibid., No.* 3.]

Dec. 17. New Sarum. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire, of 100 soldiers to Capt. John Mostyn; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 4.]

Dec. 17. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Cambridgeshire, of 200 soldiers to Thos. Frost, Lieutenant to Serjeant-Major Willoughby; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 5.]

Dec. 17. Memorandum of delivery by John Gore, Lord Mayor of London, of 200 men, pressed in the City of London, to Capt. Wm. Douglas, in part of the 2,000 to be pressed in the City; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 6.]

Dec. 18. London. Like memorandum and list of 200 soldiers delivered to Capt. John Douglas. [*Ibid., No.* 7.]

Dec. 18. London. Like memorandum and list of 200 soldiers delivered to Capt. Geo. Kellwood. [*Ibid., No.* 8.]

Dec. 18. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Kent, of 250 soldiers to Thos. Gates, Ensign to Colonel Sir John Burroughs. [*Ibid., No.* 9.]

Dec. 18. Hereford. List of 150 soldiers, delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants of Herefordshire to Capt. Jacob Williams. [*Ibid., No.* 10.]

Dec. 18. 63. Account of moneys disbursed by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, for coaches supplied to M. Ville-aux-clercs and the Marquis d'Effiat, Ambassadors Extraordinary from France, in their journey to Cambridge, &c., from Dec. 7. Total, 253*l.*

Dec. 18. 64. Locke to Carleton. Particulars of Carleton's allowances. The Provost and Fellows of Eton consent to renew, on favourable terms, the lease of land held by him from the college.

Dec. 18. London. 65. Chamberlain to [the Same]. The French Ambassadors had audience at Cambridge, and the marriage articles were signed, in presence of the Prince, Duke, and Conway, none of the rest of the Council, though at Cambridge, being summoned. The King's illness, and the shortness of the stay, prevented a comedy; there were disputes in philosophy, but of little moment. His Majesty is still at Trinity College, where he keeps his bed, with gout in his hands and feet; the Ambassadors were feasted there by the Prince, and, on their return to town, by the Lord Keeper,—who had anthems performed

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for them,—also by the Earl of Warwick, and by the Duchess of Richmond, who assembled all her acquaintance to receive them in state. In conversing of Lady Southampton's grief on the death of her husband, the Duchess, as an argument that hers was still greater, said, "I blasphemed;" a witticism worth inserting in Lord St. Alban's Apothegms, newly come out, though with little applause. He grows holy towards his end, and has versified some of the psalms. Sir Jas. Ley is made Treasurer, and he and the Earl of Montgomery are sworn of the Council. There are four Lord Treasurers living at once, four Lord Chamberlains, four Secretaries, three Masters of the Wards, two Keepers or Chancellors, and two Admirals, unless the report of the Earl of Nottingham's death be true. Sir Fulk Conway died through trying to save some papers, when his house in Ireland was on fire; he leaves 2,000*l.*a year land, in that country, to his brother, the Secretary. There is a suit in Chancery between Buckingham and his two brothers, about Lord Grey's lands, which, he says, were made over to them in trust, but they understand it otherwise. Lord Dacres, a widower, with two or three sons at least, is to marry Lord North's daughter,—a fine gentlewoman. The soldiers, a rabble of raw poor rascals, are marching to Dover, but so unwillingly, that they are rather driven than led; some of those pressed have hung, drowned, or disabled themselves, in order to escape the service. Sir Wm. Bruncard resigns his employment, on a difference with Count Mansfeldt.

Dec. 18. London. 66. Dud. Carleton to Sir Fras. Nethersole. There is great urgency in pressing and sending away troops to Count Mansfeldt at Dover, but it is lamentable to see the heavy countenances, and hear the sad farewells of the pressed men, who are most unwilling to go, on account of the bad season, the uncertainty of the employment, and the ill terms on which they serve; the business promises no honour to the nation, and only wretchedness to the poor soldiers. M. Ville-aux-clercs had his audience at Cambridge, the Prince, Buckingham, and Sec. Conway, only being present; none know what passed. There was a magnificent feast given in Trinity College, orations made, and a philosophy act performed, at which the King was present, "and slept it out patiently," but kept his chamber the rest of the time, with gout; he is extremely melancholy. Ten doctors, and many masters of art, including the Ambassador, and young Duke of Lenox, who is brought up in Trinity College, were made by Royal mandate, which troubles the University. Buckingham is preparing a splendid train for France; his expense will be 100,000*l.* Lord Chief Justice Ley had the Treasurer's staff given him at Cambridge, and Sir Randall Crew is named to succeed him. He is happiest that has least to do at Court.

Dec. 18. London. 67. The Same to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. To the same purport as the preceding. Has been to Court on a private business, suggested by the Countess of Bedford for the Queen of Bohemia. Buckingham delays answering a letter from his Lordship, but he never did

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anything post-haste in his life, except when he went to Spain, and he has great wants of his own. The Prince refers everything to him, so that he has head and hands full, and there is only one man whom he trusts. Carleton's coming over would be of little use, during the Duke's absence.

Dec. 18. Newcastle. 68. Capt. Thos. Jackson to Sec. Conway. Protests his love and zeal for the King, &c. Prays for payment of his pension of 40*l.*, with 30*l.* arrears, from the customs of Newcastle, the receiver of York being dead.

Dec. 19. Lincoln. 69. Dr. John Farmery to Wm. Boswell. Sends 20*l.* towards the benevolence, and asks the remainder for himself towards his expenses. Begs favour that this triennial visitation, which is the chief cause of profit to the Chancellorship, may be more beneficial to him than the last, which scarcely covered his charges, though his registrar got 300*l.* and the apparitor 100*l.*

Dec. 19. Newark. 70. Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants of Nottinghamshire to the Council. Have raised the 150 soldiers required, and delivered them, at Newark, to Robt. Douglas, Lieutenant of Sir And. Gray, with 70*l.* for their 14 days' journey ; and have also paid 16*l.* 16*s.* for imprest money, which was advanced by the subsidy collectors.

Dec. 19. Dorchester. 71. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorsetshire to the Same. Have delivered the 50 men additional to Thos. Wright, Ensign of Capt. John Bonithon, with 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for their 14 days' march to Dover, at the prescribed rate of 12 miles a day, and at the rate of 8*d.* per day. *Inclose,*

1. *Indenture of delivery of the above men; with list of their names. Dec.* 19. [*Case C., James I., No.* 11.]

Dec. 19. [Hertford.] Indenture of delivery, by Wm. Earl of Salisbury, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, of 200 soldiers and conduct money to Jas. Dawson, Lieutenant to Capt. Crane, and of 100 soldiers and conduct money to Fras. Bowyer, Ensign to Capt. Worley. With schedule of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 12.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. 72. The Council to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. To pay 20*l.* to Thos. Pemble and John Perry, clerks to Fras. Gall and Fras. Windebank, Clerks of the Signet, for their pains in writing three minutes of letters to the Lieutenants of counties.

Dec. 20. London. 73. Hen. Clifford to Sec. Conway. Presents him with a few crumbs of profound wisdom, faithfully gathered from the royal table, as they were scattered by His Majesty, which are so perfect, that he says, as the Queen of Sheba, "Happy are those servants which stand continually before him, and hear his wisdom!"

Dec. 20. Dover Castle. 74. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. The Duke of Brunswick has landed at Dover. The Dunkirkers have stolen a bark out of the roads in the night. Finds the rest of the castles of the ports so much out of repair as was never seen, not a piece of

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ordnance mounted, and the sea coming in. They would be a great disgrace if "the Lady" [Henrietta Maria] should be driven by the wind to land at any of those ports.

Dec. 20. Dover Castle. 75. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Has 60 serviceable ships ready, and expects more that are ordered. A crayer was taken out of Dover road by a Dunkirk man-of-war.

Dec. 20. Dover Castle. 76. Rich. Marsh to the Same. If the Duke please to hold the Shipway Court, the ports should have 40 days' notice previously, that they may hold a guestling, choose a speaker of the oath, and elect their combarons. The court may be held anywhere within the liberty of the ports; Lord Cobham held it at Beakesbourne Down, two miles from Canterbury, and had the feast at St. Augustine's Palace, Canterbury, then his house, and now Lord Wotton's.

Dec. 20. Sandwich. 77. Wm. Wise, Clerk of the Passage, to the Same. Sends the commission of passage for renewal. Recommends persons to fill the places of three deceased Commissioners.

Dec. 20. Rye. 78. Mayor of Rye to the Same. Has received the fresh commission [for the passage], and returns that of Lord Zouch. Begs renewal of his own commission as Droit Gatherer at Rye, and to have it extended to the western ports, if Mr. Fulnetby does not desire that office.

Dec. 20. Winterbourne. 79. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. Family affairs. Particulars of the late wedding. Latin

Dec. 20. Theobalds. 80. The King to the Vice Chancellor, &c. of Cambridge. To advance Amias Reading to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, which is his due next term, without prejudice to his fellowship or office in the University, notwithstanding any statutes to the contrary.

Dec. 20. Whitehall. 81. The Council to [Lord Admiral Buckingham]. Direct him to stay eight ships specified, or any others that he finds fit, laden with Newfoundland fish, and bound for Spain and Portugal, such provisions being needed for the King's service.

Dec. 20. Roll of 50 soldiers levied in Sussex, and delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants to Edw. Aldrich, Lieutenant to Capt. Lake. [*Case C., James* I., *No.* 13.]

Dec. 20. Westminster. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Middlesex, of 250 soldiers, and 41*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* conduct money, to Lieut.-Col. Sir Alex. Brett. With schedule of their names. [*Ibid, No.* 14.]

Dec. 21. Gloucester. Roll of 40 soldiers, delivered by the Mayor and Deputy Lieutenants of the city of Gloucester, to Ant. Marshall, Lieutenant to Serjeant-Major Gibson. [*Ibid, No.* 15.]

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Dec. 21. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of the West Division of Northamptonshire, of 50 soldiers, to Zaccheus Humphrey, Ensign to Capt. Hen. ——. With schedule of their names. Damaged. [*Case C., James I., No.* 16.]

Dec. 21. London. Memorandum of delivery by John Gore, Lord Mayor of London, of 250 soldiers, part of 2,000 to be levied in the City, to Capt. Wm. Douglas, for Visct. Doncaster; with list of their names. [*Ibid, No.* 17.]

Dec. 21. 82. Warrant for payment of 200*l.* to Capt. David Boswell, as the King's free gift.

Dec. 21. London. Sec. Conway to the High Sheriff of Northumberland. Concerning the daughters of Sir Hen. Wodrington. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 21. London. The Same to Sir Wm. Lambton. Concerning the same. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 21. London. The Same to the Bp. of Durham. Concerning the Same. [*Ibid.*]

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Dec. 22. Dover Castle. 1. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Sends Lord Carlisle's request to have one of the King's ships to meet him. Fears the Lord Warden's profits will be hindered by the illness of the Serjeant [Fulnetby] whose men prove not so honest as himself.

Dec. 22. Dover Castle. 2. The Same to [Buckingham]. Asks what to do with the horses of the Earl of Lincoln and the other commanders. Has no warrant to pass them, and the ships are all needed for the soldiers. Had taken pains about making up the moneys, &c., of the Serjeant of the Admiralty, but finds it unavailing, as his Grace has taken the unusual course of ordering the accounts to be delivered to himself, in London.

Dec. 22. Mary Rose. 3. Capt. Thos. Wilbraham to the Same. Is detained in the Downs by want of victuals, so that the men are in distress; has been twice to Calais, to fetch Lord Carlisle, without hearing any news of him. Finds his proposition to erect a light on the Godwin sands was anticipated by Sir John Coke. Begs some favour or promotion, after nine years' service; his friends, seeing others promoted by his Grace, thinks he must have misconducted himself. Peter Cannon, his ship-master, prays for the reversion of the Marshalship of the Cinque Ports.

Dec. 22. Little Glemham. 4. Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Send two rolls of the delivery of the levies to their Captains, Jenner and

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Carey, Request that Lieut.-Col. Boswell would come down to free the county from them. *Inclose,*

I. *Indenture of delivery, by the Bailiffs and Deputy Lieutenants of Ipswich, of* 25 *soldiers to Capt. Gilbert Jenner. With schedule of their names. Dec.* 7. [*Case C., James I., No.* 18.]

Dec. 22. Southampton. 5. Mayor, &c. of Southampton to the Council. The Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire refused them a copy of the warrant on which they ordered the town of Southampton to supply 24 men, but peremptorily required the men to be sent to Winchester. Have sent them for fear of injuring the King's service, but this proceeding is contrary to their charter, which exempts inhabitants of any corporate town, being a county of itself, from appearance at musters, or removal from the town, unless the mayor and one other citizen be in the Commission. Are willing to serve the King in the wars, with life and fortune, but beg that their liberties be not infringed.

Dec. 22. Southampton. 6. The Same to the Same. The only persons in the town who are absent from their country houses contrary to proclamation are, Sir John Mill, Bart., whose town house is more convenient than his country house, four miles off, and Art. Broomfield, who lately had the Earl of Southampton's house at St. Margaret's, Titchfield, but has removed thence.

Dec. 22. Roll of 210 soldiers levied in Gloucestershire, and delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants to Ant. Marshall, Lieutenant to Serjeant-Major Gibson. [*Case C., James I., No.* 19.]

Dec. 22. Bulwick. Schedule of names of 25 soldiers, levied in the East Division of Northamptonshire, and delivered to Wm. Price, Ensign to Capt. Rich. Mostian. [*Ibid, No.* 20.]

Dec. 22. Duplicate of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 21.]

Dec. 22. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Worcestershire, of 150 men, and 180*l.* conduct money, to Thos. Guyes, Ensign to Capt. Ouseley; with list of their names. [*Ibid., No.* 22.]

Dec. 22. Duplicate of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 23.]

Dec. 23. Latimers. 7. Earl of Devonshire and Lord Cavendish to the Council. The Deputy Lieutenants of Derbyshire have delivered the 150 men required to Capts. Rowland Browne, and Roger Pennant, with the conduct money. *Inclose,*

I. *Roll of the names of* 50 *soldiers, delivered to Roger Pennant, Deputy to Capt. Mostyn, with* 21*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. conduct money. Derby, Dec.* 15. [*Case C., James I., No.* 24.]

II. *Duplicate of the above. Derby, Dec.* 15. [*Ibid., No.* 25.]

III. *Like Roll of* 100 *soldiers delivered to Rowland Browne, Deputy to Lord Cromwell, with* 43*l.* 6*s.* 4*d. conduct money. Derby, Dec.* 16. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

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Dec. 23. 8. The King to Thos. Barley, of Elmingham, Essex. To favour Sir Wm. Fleetwood, who intends to become a suitor to his daughter Testifies to his discretion and good carriage. Recommends him as well fitted by birth and fortune to be a good match for her. Requests a reply.

Dec. 23. 9. The Same to Hen. Wiseman. To employ his influence with Thos. Barley to give his daughter in marriage to Sir Wm. Fleetwood; favours him, both for his own and his father's services.

Dec. 24. Whitehall. 10. The Same to Sec. Conway. To convey his pleasure to the Law Officers of the Crown, that all prosecutions against Roman Catholics for their religion be forborne.

Dec. 24. Westminster. 11. Commission to the Archbp. of Canterbury, the Keeperof the Great Seal, and others of the Council, to banish from the kingdom such Jesuits and Seminary Priests as are guilty of treason or other offence, or are in prison, or whom they may otherwise think it convenient to expel; the King rather desires their conversion and amendment.

Dec. 24. Grant to Robt. Treswell, Surveyor of Woods, and his nominees, of the west part of Buckholt Woods, cos. Hants and Wilts, reserving the former rent of 49*l.* [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 24. Grant to Lady Martin, administratrix of Sir Rich. Martin, of certain debts due to her late husband, but seized to the King's use, for debts due by him to the Crown, as officer of the Mint, those debts being otherwise provided for. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 24. Creation of Oliver Lord St. John of Bletsoe, to the Earldom of Glamorgan. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 24. Licence to Marquis d'Effiat, French Ambassador, to transport 2,000 lbs. of wool into France. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 24. Christmas Eve. London. 12. Sir John Finet to Carleton. Thanks for favour to his nephew, whom he hopes will be restored to his company, and prove no coward, but only unfortunate in being provoked to wound so fatally a noble gentleman. The Countess of Southampton deeply mourns her husband and son, and has been prayed for, at her own request, in divers churches. M. Ville-aux-clercs received from the King a ring worth 4,000*l.*, and one of half the value from the Prince. Buckingham gave him a sumptuous feast and ball à la Française. He begs a jubilee for all imprisoned Papists, but it is hoped such a favour will be reserved for Madame, when she becomes our princess. The Duke of Brunswick has arrived, and is lodged in the Prince's apartments at St. James's.

Dec. 24. 13. Locke to the Same. Sec. Calvert has signed Carleton's bills, and the new Lord Treasurer professes much affection for him. The Council intend to inform the King of the bad terms on which he

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stands with the Infanta; Sir Hen. Marten, Judge of the Admiralty, advises granting letters of reprisal, but it is not yet known what his Majesty will do.

Dec. 24. Westminster. 14. The King to Sir And. Gray. The company given to Arch. Douglas is to be transferred to Thos. Betune, to whom it was originally granted, and only promised to Douglas in case of his absence.

Dec. 24. Philpott Lane. 15. Sir Thos. Smythe to Sec. Conway. The Persian trade is of too great moment for him to undertake, and adventurers, either for want of money or will, look coldly upon it.

Dec. 24. Dover. 16. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. The London ships, which he had warrant to stay, have sailed from the Downs; they may be overtaken at Dartmouth. So many soldiers being in the town, it will be difficult to accommodate the French Ambassador. Is full of business: 2,000 men are not shipped yet.

Dec. 25. Dover. 17. Sir John Hippisley, the Mayor of Dover, Sir Nich. Tufton, and Sir Peter Heyman, to the Council. This day 8,000 foot and some horse arrived at Dover; they cannot be shipped for three days, on account of the tide. As Dover cannot supply them with victuals, request that they may be lodged in the adjacent towns, and that more of the Deputy Lieutenants of Kent may be made commissioners.

Dec. 26. Dover. 18. Sir John Hippisley to the Same. The soldiers commit great outrages, pulling down houses, taking away cattle, &c.; and when some were taken and imprisoned, the prison was broken open, and they were rescued. No provisions can come into the town, for the soldiers take all away. Things will come to extremity, unless provisions are sent from London, or martial law is ordered. Had much ado to save from hanging a sailor who had affronted the soldiers.

Dec. 26. Dover. 19. The Same to Nicholas. Has detained a ship bound for Spain, with a little fish in it: asks whether he shall release her. The town will be ruined by the outrages of the soldiers, without an order for the exercise of martial law, &c.

Dec. 26. Dover. 20. Sir Rich. Bingley to Buckingham. The ships which he commanded to be stayed are all gone. Will stay any others bound for Spain or Portugal. Will accompany Count Mansfeldt's troops across, but the Mary Rose cannot do so, being driven westward by contrary winds. The soldiers prove very unruly, &c.

Dec. 26. Halesworth. 21. Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Send the roll of the 103 men required from their portion of the county, who are delivered to Fras. Woodhouse, Lieutenant of Lieut.-Col. Boswell. *Inclose,*

1. *Roll of the names of the above men. Dec.* 26. [*Case C., James I., No.* 27.]

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Dec. 26. Westminster. Proclamation ordering the preservation of grounds suitable for producing saltpetre, &c., and the restoration of such as have been destroyed, and commanding assistance to be given to His Majesty's saltpetre makers, in digging in the grounds of any of his subjects. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 127.]

Dec. ? 22. Memorial for the King, that Count Mansfeldt should be authorized to force his way through the territories of the King of Spain, or the Archduchess, if passage be denied; also that his Majesty should sign the pardon for the Tancards of Yorkshire, and letters to the Archbishops, to stop the proceedings in the High Commission court against recusants, and should order a warrant to stay proceedings against all Roman Catholics.

Dec. ? 23. Request of the French Ambassador, that recusants be freed from the payment of the 20*l.* per month, and all other payments, from Trinity Term; that the sums levied on them since then be returned, and their lands and goods made as free as though the commissions had never been issued; that they also be discharged from all proceedings in Ecclesiastical Courts, by Judges, Justices of the Peace, &c. French.

Dec. ? 24. Report on certain favours requested by the French Ambassador for recusants. That as to the commissions complained of, orders being issued to restore the moneys and discharge the bonds taken thereon, they can do no further damage; that as to indictments and convictions in the country, they are made harmless by the stay of proceedings in the Exchequer, and that as much care as ever is taken to avoid trouble through informers.

Dec. 26. Westminster. 25. The King to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Being induced, on account of the match of the Prince with Lady Marie of France, to grant some favour to Roman Catholics, orders stay of all prosecutions against them in the High Commission Court of Canterbury, and no further exaction of the 12*d.* for their not attending church.

Dec. 26. 26. Copy of the above.

Dec. 26. Whitehall. 27. The Same to the Archbp. of York. Copy of the above, *mutatis mutandis.*

Dec. ? 28. Statement, that as the orders to the Archbishops about Roman Catholics only protect them from the High Commission Court, but not the Bishops' Courts, the Archbishops should warn the Bishops, and the Lord Keeper and Chief Justice the inferior officers of law, to forbear proceedings against them.

Dec. 26. 29. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To make out writs of the forms enclosed to the judges, &c., for discharge from prison of priests, Jesuits, friars, and other Roman Catholics, imprisoned for offences made by statute into treasons, felonies, præmunires, &c., in consideration of the proposed marriage with France.

Dec. 27. 30. Copy of the above.

Dec. 27. Westminster College. 31. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. The writs sent him have no signature. Requests him to certify that they are those referred to in the King's letter of Dec. 27.

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Dec. 27 ? 32. Mayor of Dover to Sir John Hippisley. According to the warrant for bringing ships into Dover pier, has stayed a vessel consigned to Wm. Waad, which came into Dover harbour, and had no licence to go away, but met with much contemptuous resistance from Waad.

Dec. 27. 33. Fras. Wilsford to Nicholas. Complains of the soldiers, or rather gaol-birds, sent to plague the town of Dover, and neither victuals nor shipping provided. They kill sheep in abundance, and threaten to burn the town, if left to want. They will not be shipped for six days, but 3,000 are to be sent to Sandwich and Folkstone. The country has of late been consumed by the Dunkirkers, and by the Ambassadors, and Count Mansfeldt lying there. It was hard to send 14,000 soldiers to that town only.

Dec. 27. Dover. 34. Wm. Jones to the Same. All ships are stayed to transport the troops. No provision was made beforehand, so they have money given to buy food; but they are ill-behaved, stealing all they can lay hands on. They stole 140 sheep from one man in a night, and the people dare not open their doors: 8,000 or 9,000 are to be sent to places within a day's march; 3,000 have set off to return to London. The misery and fear they cause is indescribable. Protests his innocence in a matter wherein he is suspected.

Dec. 28. Warrant to pay to Robt. Halfheid, Keeper of the Game at Royston, 100*l.*, in recompence of his service in preserving the game. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 28. Warrant to pay to Roger Kirkwood, Tailor for the Robes in room of John Cowtred, 12*d.* per day till the death of John New, when his allowances are to devolve on Kirkwood. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 28. Warrant for allowance to Roger Kirkwood of stuff for his yearly livery. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 28. Creation of Lord St. John, of Bletsoe, to the Earldom of Bolingbroke, co. Lincoln. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 29. Creation of Sir Fras. Fane to the barony of Burghersh and Earldom of Westmoreland. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 29. London. Sec. Conway to the Clerk of the Signet. To draw a grant to John Baker of the keeping of Bagshot Park. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 29. [London.] 35. [The Same] to the Archbp. of Canterbury. The King wishes him, at request of the French Ambassador, to discharge Mr. Wentworth, of Yorkshire, servant to some prince in France, from bonds given either for appearance before his Lordship, or on some other condition.

Dec. 29. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 179.]

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Dec. 29 ? 36. [Proposed] warrant to the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to order no moneys to be received for recusancy, but discharges to be given for all due, as though paid, and all paid in since Trinity Term to be returned, &c.; also that no further processes be entered against them for religion.

Dec. 29. Westminster. 37. The King to Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To deliver all the money paid since Trinity Term last, or to be paid, by recusants, and also all bonds for payments, to John Middlemore and Rich. Forster, to be applied to the King's private uses.

Dec. 29. 38. Copy of the above.

Dec. 30. [London.] 39. [Sec. Conway] to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Signifies His Majesty's pleasure, according to a warrant inserted, dated Dec. 24, 1624, for the forbearing, in all courts of justice, of all manner of prosecutions against Roman Catholics for their religion, and requests his compliance therewith. *Annexing,*

39. I. *Note of orders for restitution of all moneys paid by recusants since Trinity Term last; of discharge for all moneys on processes already issued, and prohibition of future processes, till the King's further pleasure be known.*

Dec. 30. [London.] 40. Copy of the above letter of Sec. Conway, directed to Att. Gen. Coventry.

Dec. 30. Minute of the above two letters. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 179.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. 41. [Sec. Conway] to the Recorder of Wells. Reminds him to order a pension for Jas. Raysey, a maimed soldier, pressed from the county, and formerly recommended to them by Council, that he may avoid the trouble of being called to account, for non-attendance to directions from the board.

Dec. 30. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 179.]

Dec. 30. London. The Same to Lord Carew. Sends a warrant from the King for delivery of gunpowder to the East India Company. He is to see that his Majesty be not prejudiced thereby. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 30. London. The Same to Lord Compton. To appoint a time for re-delivery of the jewels from Spain. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 30. London. The Same to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Concerning Fletcher's business. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 30. Dover Castle. 42. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Will take an exact account of the Lord Warden's profits. The ports will not yield shipping enough for this great business. Count Mansfeldt is not going these

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ten days; three regiments are quartered in the adjoining towns; they pull down and burn houses, ships, masts, or boats, and any put to prison are rescued, all the base people of the kingdom being gathered there. The other Commissioners stand aloof. Has little help, and is ready to sink under the burden.

Dec. 30. Dover Castle. 43. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Has directed the Mayor of Sandwich to unload the two pinks bound for Dunkirk, to sell the provisions to the soldiers, and to store up the shot, &c., till further orders. Requests approval, and directions. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Mayor and Jurats of Sandwich to Sir John Hippisley. Have stayed two pinks, laden with shot, beef, and herrings, for the Dunkirkers. The food will supply the soldiers who are to be sent. Sandwich, Dec.* 28.

Dec. 30. Dover Castle. 44. Rich. Marsh to [Nicholas]. Describes the excesses of the troops at Dover, for want of martial law, and of the restraint afforded by the presence of the superior officers.

Dec. 30. Whitehall. 45. Warrant to Att. Gen. Coventry, to prepare a bill for discharge of Bernardine Pippi and 19 others, imprisoned for being Romish priests, refusing the Oath of Supremacy, recusancy, and other offences of like nature, which by law are made treasons, felonies, &c., and punishable by death, loss of lands and goods, imprisonment, &c.

Dec. 30. Warrant for orders to the officers of the ports, to permit Count Mansfeldt to transport as many horses as are needful for his intended service. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Grant to the Duke of Buckingham, for 21 years, of all the mines royal of silver and lead within 10 miles of Muggleswick, co. Durham, to be opened and wrought at his own charge, with provisos of giving a tenth of the silver to the King, bringing th residue to the Mint, and obeying the proclamation for mines royal. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Grant to the Earl of Pembroke of the office of Warden of the New Forest, the manor and park of Lyndhurst, and hundred of Redburgh, &c., co. Hants, during the minority of the now Earl of Southampton, who, on coming of age, is to hold the said office, as enjoyed by his late father. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Warrant to pay to the executors of Geo. Herriot, jeweller, 900*l.*, for a great chain of gold, and a tablet with the King's portrait, given to Don Diego de Mendoza, Ambassador Extraordinary from Spain; also 170*l.*, for another similar tablet. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Grant to Sir Geo. Horsey, on the petition of Sir Bernard Grenville, of the reversion of the sites of the monastery of Jermoy and Gilley, &c., in Ireland, whereof Sir Bernard is seized in entail. [*Docquet.*]

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Dec. 30. Grant to Rich. Boothby, on surrender of Geo. Ward, of the office of Receiver and Steward of the Lenox lands, co. York. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Warrant for divers payments to the Treasurer of the Navy and Surveyors of Victuals, for setting forth 12 of the King's ships and 50 Newcastle ships, to serve for six months, and the Prince Royal for two months, building 2 ships for the next year, and repairing others. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 30. Warrant to advance to John Scandaver 100*l.*, for bringing 40 red deer alive from Hatfield Chace, Yorkshire, to Burghley on the Hill, Rutlandshire. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Grant to Giles Beaumont, Frenchman, of denization for England and Virginia, on his offer to take thither a number of men, and plant them at his own charge, with the privilege of paying no more customs that the King's born subjects; also confirming to him all such lands and liberties in Virginia as are thought fit by the Commissioners. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Warrant for delivery to the East India merchants of 20 lasts of good gunpowder, fit for long voyages, from the King's stores, on their delivery of the like quantity of good powder fit for shorter voyages. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Grant to Stephen Scott, sugar refiner of London, of protection for a year against Thos. Symonds, of London. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Charter of creation of Sir Jas. Ley, Bart., Lord Treasurer of England, to the dignity of Baron Ley of Ley, co. Devon. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 31. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Ley. To order 100 tons of bullets of lead to be transported by persons appointed by the French Ambassador. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 180.]

Dec. 31. London. The Same to the Bp. of Worcester. The King thanks him for his dutiful conformity in disposing of Hartlebury and Upton, and has procured for Mr. Smith the living of St. Faith's. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 31. London. The Same to the Dean of St. Paul's. The King thanks him for bestowing the cure of St. Faith's on Mr. Smith. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 31. [London.] 46. [The Same to Sir John Hippisley.] Wishes him,—as Commissioner with the Mayor of Dover and others, for executing justice on the mutinous soldiers,—to call the Earl of Lincoln and the Colonels to their Council, and act by their advice, in execution of the directions sent. Care is to be taken that the soldiers are paid, for it would be too hard a course to give them no allowance for victuals, and

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then punish them for offences; but they must content themselves with their allowance. As a means to keep them in order, they are to be put under training and discipline, which will be of great use to them afterwards.

Dec. 31. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 178.]

Dec. 31. Dover. 47. Sir John Hippisley to [Sec. Conway]. The soldiers are so unruly that no man dares walk the town; they threaten to hang the Mayor and burn the town, and the Mayor dares not stir. Endangers himself to prevent their pulling down houses. They clamour for money, and Count Mansfeldt declares he has none. Has borrowed 200*l.* to pay those in the town. If some examples be not made, mischief will ensue. Some soldiers are killed in the country, through their committing disorders. No provisions can come into the town except under convoy. Mansfeldt talks of remaining 10 days longer, and the ships pressed for transport mutiny for want of pay. Fears his letters to Council have not reached them.

Dec. 31. 48. Sir John Hippisley, the Mayor of Dover, and Justices of Kent, to [the Council]. The soldiers are grown insolent and mutinous, for want of authority to punish them, which has been asked for three times, but no reply sent. They are three days behind in their pay. The town has with difficulty raised money for one day's pay for those in it; but six companies, which were to go into the counties, will not march without money. The country is utterly wasted for 10 or 12 miles round, by removing the men to disunite them; they plunder all about, and march back in great troops whence they came, so that the army will be lessened by one third. The officers are so discouraged by being at heavy charges, and having received no pay, that they are careless about the employment.

Dec.? 49. Memoranda by Sec. Conway, relating to military transactions, the shipping and quartering of troops, commissions for martial law, &c. [*Connected with Mansfeldt's expedition.*]

Dec. 50. Visct. Wallingford to Sec. Conway. For his commission of Lieutenancy to be renewed, with Cope Doyle as a second Deputy Lieutenant for Oxfordshire, and Mr. Wiseman, for Berkshire.

Dec.? 51. Proposals, concerning the royal mines in Cardiganshire, that the inventors of reverberating furnaces shall have the sole working of them, at a rent of 2,500*l.* per ann., instead of 12*l.* now paid, on conditions specified; or that "my lord" shall have them, on condition of certain weekly payments.

Dec.? 52. Proposal, that the undertakers of the mines in Cardiganshire shall pay the King a tenth of the profits, as by proclamation is reserved to him from other mines, and shall guarantee it at 1,200*l.* for the first year, they having the King's prerogative to levy workmen, and the use of the reverberate furnace; also that the procurer of the grant have 1,000*l.* per ann.

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Propositions concerning briefs.

Request of the Prince and Princess Palatine for 500*l.* a month increased allowance, on account of their increased family, the dearth in those parts, &c., or else for some donation to pay their debts.

Request of Sir Edw. Carey for confirmation of rights and privileges, of which he says his ancestors have been possessed ever since the Conquest.

Request of Mr. Trumbull for a reversion of one of the Six Clerks' places for himself, and of a Clerkship of the Privy Seal for his eldest son.

Answer to the Lord Chamberlain, about an audience to be given to the Venetian Ambassador.

Vol. CLXXVIII. 1624.

Case, marked James I. B, containing indentures of delivery and lists of the troops levied for Count Mansfeldt's expedition. Calendared under their respective dates, or the dates of the letters of Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of counties, in which they were inclosures.

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Case marked James I., C., containing similar documents.

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1624? 1. Form of the grant desired by Wm. Bellenden, of the sole privilege of printing a Roman history, Delectus Pandectarum, and other books, for 15 years. Latin.

2. Release by the Duke of Buckingham to Endymion Porter, formerly his servant, and now Groom of the Prince's Bedchamber, of the keeping of all jewels, plate, and money, of which he had the custody when in the Duke's service.

3. Draft of the above.

Warrant for Sir John Lidcott to have a special care for preservation of the game about Hampton Court, which is destroyed by disorderly persons, with greyhounds, guns, nets, &c. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 6.]

4. Warrant for Ant. Dodsworth and others to destroy conies within the royal parks and forests, which, by making the ground hollow, have endangered the King in his progress, and much injured the deer.

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5. Order for delivery of a fee buck of the season to Edw. Nicholas.

6. Certificate of the Aldermen, &c. of Stamford, Lincolnshire, to the Council, that John Vicars, parson of St. Mary's, Stamford, accused by Robt. Newton, parson of Gretford, of holding conventicles, is guilty of propounding dangerous doctrines, both publicly and privately, thereby causing great discord and contempt of authority, to the prejudice of the town's government.

7. Sir Geo. Blundell to Lord ———. To get his suit for 500*l.* despatched before he goes, or would be glad of 1,000*l.*, as he keeps a son of the Duke who has no other means to live.

8. Sir Lucius Carey to Sir Fras. Nethersole. Thanks for favours. Is unable to return them, as he lives in a hermitage, whilst Sir Francis lives in a Court at the Hague.

9. Lady Mary Coningsby to Sec. Conway. Relies upon him more than on the Master of Requests, and will not relinquish her right to justice, though the Lord Keeper has committed great errors. Is wronged by his Lordship's orders, and not by the will of her husband's father, as appears by the certificate to the King, enclosed. Begs Conway's favour, though unable to reward it, being brought as poor as Job, by ill feoffees and the Chancery. *Incloses,*

9. I. *Statement, by Lady Coningsby, of the dealings of the six feoffees in trust for the estate of Sir Ralph Coningsby, deceased. Jan.*

9. II., III. *Certificate addressed to the King by the Lords' Referees on the petition of the wife of Sir Fras. Coningsby, sister of Lord North,—complaining that Sir Thos. Pope Blount, and other trustees, to whom Sir Ralph Coningsby, her father-in-law, left lands, &c. for the benefit of her husband, being his son and heir, have failed to perform their trust —that the complaint is just, that the property should be transferred to the friends of Lady Coningsby, whose husband is in prison for debt, and that accounts should be given, by the present trustees, of the proceeds of the last eight years; also that a certain annuity to Mr. Catlin should be paid out of the estate of Thos. Coningsby, the younger son, as ordered by Sir Ralph, not out of that of Sir Francis. Nov.* 23, 1624. *Two copies.*

10. [Sec. Conway] to Lord ———. His servant Manucci protests ignorance that the horse he sold him was lame. Never observed any unsoundness in him; the horse was kept by his Lordship's servants two days, and then sent back lame.

11. [The Same] to Lord ———. Will wait on him if his presence can remove what grieves him; otherwise will grieve apart.

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12. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorsetshire to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieutenant. Represent the decay and great want of warlike provisions in the castles of Portland, Sandsfoot, and Brownsel. Refusal of the Isle of Purbeck to contribute coat and conduct money.

13. Rich. Earl of Dorset to Lady Killigrew. Is concerned to hear that his brother still retains Mrs. Stanley's picture; he has behaved very dishonourably about it.

14. Note by Mr. Greene, that Sir Thos. Middleton, who has bought the castle and demesnes of Ruthin, should also have the royalties of the lordship, which the King has recently put up to sale, rather than Sir Fras. Crane, who could not use them properly, as not living in the county.

15. [Sir Hen. Goodere] to Lord Steward Hamilton. Apologizes for presenting him with verses, at a time when they are so much out of fashion.

16. The Same to the Same. Entreats him to peruse some lines he has written on the Duke of Buckingham, which were sent to the Duke some months ago. Begs despatch of his business before His Majesty's journey. Has sent him his history, and hopes he will be the instrument to save the King's old servant and an honest man from ruin.

17. The Same [to the Same]. Dedicates to him his verses on the Duke of Buckingham, hearing that his Lordship spends some of his hours of recreation in such things. *Incloses,*

17. I. *Dedication of some verses on Buckingham to Lord Steward Hamilton, as being the "true parallel" of him, "the most angelical of men."*

18. Hen. Kedgwin to Prince Charles. Begs to communicate, vivâ voce, certain proposals for the Prince and kingdom's advantage, to keep the enemies in quiet.

19. Roger Kilverts to Sir Wm. Beecher. Wm. Woodcock has given him 7*l.* 10*s.*, and promises as much for his release.

20. [Sir Hen. Marten?] to the King. Approves the petition for a registry to be established at the ports, to enter the wages agreed on between captains and sailors, but suggests that the officers should have the power of deciding disputed cases, without appeal to law.

21. Hugh May to [Sec. Calvert]. The King has given him licence to exchange two lives in the clerkship of the Market. With note, by Sec. Calvert, of the King's pleasure for drawing up the licence.

22. Sir Albert Morton to M. Dolbier. Commends the suit of Geo. Alexander.

23. Rich. Sumner, prisoner, to [Sec. Conway?]. Is penitent for having offended him in ignorance, and craves pardon.

24. Request of Wm. Towerson, of Portsmouth, to be Collector of the Lord Admiral's tenths for Hampshire and Dorsetshire.

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25. Sir Ant. Weldon to Nich. Pay, Clerk of the Kitchen. Begs him to request his noble friend to speak to the Lord Chief Baron in his behalf, that his cause may be ended in the Exchequer Chamber, not in the King's Bench.

26. Statement by Sir Thos. Wilson, drawn out of the capitulations with the Emperor of Turkey, to prove that the Scots have freedom of trade thither, as well as the English. *Incloses,*

26. I. *Sir Thos. Glover's interpretation of the treaty made while he was Ambassador at Constantinople, in reference to the privileges of the Scots.*

27, 28. Copies of the above letter and inclosure.

29. Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Complains of an insult from Ellis Rothwell, one of his Majesty's servants.

30. ——. Windebank to his Father, Fras. Windebank. Thanks for his paternal kindness, &c. Latin.

31. Appeal by Alex. Baxter, a Scot, in London, and Thos. Mayd, now prisoner in Spain, to the Council of War, against a confiscation of their vessels by the Spaniards, on pretence of their having traded with Holland.

32. Petition of Elinor Allward to Sir John Lambe, Judge of the Arches' Court, to free her from expenses brought upon her by Mr. Pearce, for defence of a suit entered against her by Ellinor Reyner, for defamation of character.

33. Petition of Alice Crowe, widow, and John Crowe, her son, to the Commissioners for grievances, for protection and liberation from prison, to which the latter is consigned by the unjust processes of Edm. Hume, escheator for Norfolk, on a question of lands, value not more than 20*s.* a year, belonging to his late father, John Crowe.

34. Petition of Sir Wm. Curteen and John Mounsey, of London, to the Council, for licence to deliver the cargo of a bark on board two ships riding in the Downs.

35. Petition of Garret Dillon to the Earl of Worcester, against Burk, the Prince's chandler, who is trying to get his own name inserted instead of the petitioner's, as Groom of the Stirrup to His Majesty. Indorsed is a relation of the ceremony of the creation of the principal Kings-at-arms and other heraldic officers.

36. Petition of Hum. Dymock to the Council, for release and pardon for having conveyed away one of the old Council books.

37. Petition of the East India Company to the King, to consider the reparation for their losses at Amboyna, due to them by the Hollanders, but long deferred, an Ambassador Extraordinary from the State having arrived to settle the matter.

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38. Petition of the Officers of the Receipt of Exchequer to the Council. The object of appointing receivers of the revenue, which is to ease the subjects by enabling them to pay their rents, &c. without coming to London, is frustrated by certain receivers, some of whom compel them still to repair to London, while others detain the money from the Exchequer; pray permission to serve the King therein.

39. Petition of Hen. Fownd, Rich. Cooke, Jas. Merrifield, and Sam. King to the Same, for better remuneration in their employment by the Company of Fishmongers, to make search in taverns, inns, &c. under the King's proclamation, for proper observation of fasting days.

40. Petition of John Gamel to the King, for redress for an attack made by the Hollanders on his ship which came from Dunkirk, notwithstanding his having run into an English harbour.

41. Petition of John Gilbert and Rich. Fowler to the Same, for a grant of the sole licence of prosecuting persons guilty of exporting coin from the realm, and of one third of the fines incurred by them.

42. Petition of Sir Thos. Glover to the Council. Robt. Park assured him that the value of a grant for searching all sorts of leathers exported from the kingdom would be 3,000*l.* per ann., and therefore, on obtaining the grant, gave Park a bond in 1,000*l.* for a moiety of the profits. The Patent had afterwards to be resigned, being found to be included in a previous grant to the Earl of March, who allows him for it 300*l.* per ann.; requests that Park, who sues him on the bond for 1,000*l.*, may be compelled to deliver it up.

43. Petition of [Thos. Gorges?] to the King, for a patent for the sealing of writs of subpœna in the Chancery Court of the County Palatine of Chester, similar to that granted by Queen Elizabeth, to Sir Thos. Gorges, for the Chancery of Westminster, the execution of which has prevented many abuses, and greatly eased the subject.

44. Petition of John Haddock, Master Cook, and others, ancient servants of the Duke of Buckingham, to his Grace, that he will obtain the promotion of a certain counsellor to the rank of serjeant-at-law, by which the petitioners will gain some advantage.

45. Petition of Geo. Hardware, Alderman of Great Yarmouth, to the Council, stating that a sum of 120*l.*, collected for defence of the Palatinate, but not paid over in consequence of the reported cessation of the wars there, was deposited in the treasury of the town chamber. It being now demanded by Wm. Gomeldon, the King's servant, on writ of Privy Seal, they pray for an order for its payment into theExchequer, and a due receipt thereof. *Inclosing,*

45. I. *Certificate of the Bailiffs of Yarmouth, that the sum of money collected as above was deposited in the town treasury. April* 5.

46. Petition of the Inhabitants of Huntingdonshire to [the Council], for confirmation of an order by the Lord Privy Seal, to

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prevent exorbitant tolls claimed by —— Jackson for passage boats on the river, or for leave to put a bill into Chancery to procure just rates. [*Abstract.*]

47. Petition of Lucas Jacobs to [the Same], for leave to transport corn shipped by former warrants, on certificate that the price is below the statute. [*Abstract.*]

48. Petition of Wm. Danbigh to [the Same], for licence to export 200 quarters of corn to Ireland, on certificate from Sir John Tracy that the prices are falling, and that there is no likelihood of scarcity. [*Abstract.*]

49. Petition of Gerard Janson, of Amsterdam, to the King, for a patent of the sole manufacture, in England, for 21 years, of gally works of earth, and a prohibition of their importation. *Annexed is,*

49. I. *Statement of arguments in favour of granting the above petition.*

50. Petition of Jeffrey Jones to the Same, for relief and a pension, having discovered a supposed silver mine in Wales, and brought a sample of the ore 140 miles to London.

51. Petition of Bridget Kemp to the Council. Was apprehended at Dover, with her niece and servant, by order from Sir Edw. Deering, and brought to London. Begs release, her confinement putting her to expenses which she cannot repay.

52. Petition of Capt. Thos. King, Admiral of the Narrow Seas for five years, to the King, for permission to take out two ships at his own charge to Sally, to revenge the seizure there of his factor and goods, and those of other English, taken in revenge for the seizure of a Sally ship by Mr. Madox, of London, who sold 150 Moors and Andalusians as slaves.

53. Petition of Mary Lake, widow, to the Same, for dispensation from attendance before them, being prevented by an accident, and for permission to prove a suspected pre-contract between Mr. Domvill, who pretends to have married her daughter Bridget, and a woman in Ireland.

54. Petition of Jas. Maxwell and Alice, his wife, to the King, for redress. Complain of imprisonment and oppression by the Lord Keeper.

55. Petition of Hen. Mayle to Sir John Lambe, for his influence with his son, Wm. Mayle, a sworn Messenger in [Lambe's office, who refuses him any assistance.

56. Petition of Wm. Mongey to the Council, for restoration of his ship, which was stranded near Chichester, and seized as a wreck by the Bishop, whose sons refuse to give it up, without payment of large sums.

57. Petition of Fras. Morrice, Clerk of the Council of War, to the Same, for remuneration for his services as their Clerk and Auditor, in raising a royal army for recovery of the Palatinate, in 1620.

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58. Chief points of the Officers' letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Navy, in answer to the reference made upon the petition of the storekeeper [at Deptford], in a dispute between him and the Clerk of the Cheque, as to the right of making bills for provisions delivered into the store.

59. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Poole, to the Archbp. of Canterbury, against Robt. Arch, who has defrauded her in an exchange of an acre of land, which she leased from the churchwardens of Malmsbury church.

60. Petition of Sir Edw. Salter to the King, to direct letters to the Turkey Company to appoint Robt. Salter, his near relative, as their marine factor at Scanderoon.

61. Petition of the Mayor, &c. of Sandwich to the Same. The haven being now much decayed, to the great injury of the town, pray that a new haven may be formed, which will cost 50,000*l.*; with proposals for its regulation, and for the modes of raising the money, by tonnage on ships, and a general collection. *Inclose,*

61. i. *Plan by Robt. Jager, of the Downs, with the proposed new harbour at Sandwich.*

62. Petition of Nich. Slater to Sir John Lambe. The objections to his practising surgery, as ignorant thereof, are unfounded, as he has been brought up therein from childhood. Prays release from confinement, and permission to exercise his profession.

63. Petition of Thos. Watts and others to the Council, for satisfaction for the seizure and sale by the Dunkirkers of their bark, laden with corn, of which the English agent in Brussels has in vain endeavoured to obtain restitution.

64. Petition of Thos. Wilcock to the Same, for letters to the Council of York, to examine the claim of Leonard Jackson and Rich. Hutchinson, of York, to houses belonging to the petitioner, as eldest son of his father, which they have long detained, and if their claim cannot be proved, to give him possession, with arrears of rents, &c.

65. Petition of —— to the King, for a letter to the Lord Mayor, recommending him as one of the coal measurers of London. *Annexing,*

65. i. *Reasons for granting the above request; viz., the services and hurts of the petitioner, especially in his last employment in the Palatinate, in which he got into debt by raising a company of* 200 *soldiers, under General Vere, at his own expense.*

66. Observations on a petition by Lady Roxburgh, craving licence to assay all gold and silver intended for thread, in the bar, before it is manufactured, by granting which the King may discharge part of his debt to her. Also showing that this licence differs from that of the Earl of Holland, to assay the thread after it is made.

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67. Statement of a suit in Chancery between Sir Wm. Somerville and the representatives of Wm. Baker, draper, of Stratford-upon-Avon, for payment of 46*l.*, owed to Baker by Somerville for cloth.

68. Arguments against an Order in Council of December last, that on firing the beacons in case of alarm, the forces of the Isle of Wight should go to Portsmouth; and in favour of those of Queen Elizabeth, for sending thither only sufficient forces to man the works, and retaining the remainder in the island for defence.

69. Estimate of the expense of setting forth eight ships, with 1,000 men, to take prizes from the King's enemies.

70. Project to annoy Spain, by keeping a fleet of 40 vessels constantly on the coast; arguing the importance of seizing a seaport, either in Barbary or one of the Mediterranean islands, as a storehouse for victuals, provisions, &c.; the ships to be hired from the merchants, for fear of leaving the country defenceless; the officers and soldiers to have one third of the spoil. French.

71. Account of the introduction into England of the art of battering plates for armour, which is now forgotten, and proposal to renew it by a fresh process; with note of the benefits likely to accrue to the King therefrom.

72. Statement of a proposed rate of making plates for armour, which will bring in a profit [to the patentee] of 4,737*l.* 12*s.* per ann.

73. Project of divers new weapons and improved engines, to be used against the enemies of the reformed countries.

74. Memoranda respecting the right of neutral nations to supply nations at war with the provisions of war. This right, challenged by the Hanse merchants, is contrary to the law of nations, &c.

75. Note of the commodities which the Merchant Adventurers are not allowed to import, and of the inconveniences resulting to them from the restraint.

76. Paper addressed to Council, indorsed "A Discorse of Trade and Shipping in the Levant," proposing the better protection of the Turkey Company, encouragement of the fishing trade in English bottoms, and the making England a staple for foreign produce.

77. Reasons to induce His Majesty to advance his own revenues and improve the trade of his kingdoms, by restricting the sale and transport of coals to English vessels, thereby increasing the shipping which the King has lately found so useful, and adding to his revenue.

78. Memorandum of the improvements in trade resulting from removal of certain grievances by the last Parliament.

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79. Statement, from the experience of a Gloucestershire agriculturist, of the good that would arise to the commonwealth from growing flax in England, the employment it would afford the poor in making linen, &c., and its advantage over the growth of wool for cloth making.

80. Project addressed to Sec. Conway, for increase of money and encouragement of trade in England, by equalizing the value of our coinage with that of foreign countries.

81. Project offered to the Same, for establishing a Petty Seal Office, with plans for its management. French.

82. Statement by Thos. Jenkins, surveyor, of steps taken, by warrant to the late Lord Treas. Middlesex, for disforesting Hatfield Chace, to which the commoners consent, on condition of a fair proportion being allotted to themselves, provision made for the poorer inhabitants, and the surrounded lands drained at the King's expense. Request for a warrant to the present Lord Treasurer to pursue the plan.

83. Proposal [to Sec. Conway], that certain waste land belonging to the Prince be enclosed, and divided among the neighbouring tenants, they paying 400*l.* rent, 4,000*l.* fine, and 10,000*l.* to his honour; the remaining profits to go to the negociators of the business.

84. Names of 116 persons summoned by Order from Council, to appear before the Master and Wardens [of a Company], for refusing to pay the arrears of the groats.

85. Instructions for receiving 125*l.*, and 175*l.* intelligence money, for which tallies will be struck by Sir Robt. Pye, and the moneys paid by the Farmers of the Customs.

86. Note, that Sir Nich. Tufton, to whom the manor of Dangiemarsh was granted by the King, claims the wrecks and royalties thereof, which belong of right to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and the beach land, which belongs to the town of Lydd. He has taken the cause into the Court of Exchequer, contrary to the liberties of the Cinque Ports, whereby it should be tried at the Chancery Court of Dover. Requests that his Grace [Buckingham, Lord Warden] will order the cause to be transferred thither.

87. List [by Nicholas] of certain books, chiefly astronomical; addressed to John Reading, of Dover.

88. Note that the cause of the revocation of a Commission of Review, wherein the Bp. of Chester and others were judges, was the Bishop's desire to have nothing more to do with the affair.

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89. Plan for fortifying a house, with proposal by an engineer to fortify the houses in the Isle of Wight, at 40*l.* per house.

90. Note of certain articles of goldsmiths' work, demanded by warrant from Mrs. Manucci.

91. Note by Sir Wm. Monson, of the fleets set out by Queen Elizabeth from 1585 to 1603; shown him at his examination, by Robt. Abercromby.

92. Judgment of Generals Vere and Cecil on the question of precedence between the Earl of Essex and Lord Willoughby, that it must follow the precedent of the King's previous decision, on the dispute between the Earls of Essex and Southampton.

93. List of fines and penalties to be inflicted on offenders within the Admiralty jurisdiction of Dover, by the Lord Warden or Lord Admiral.

94. Forms of Council Warrants, as follows:—For appearance before the Council; for reception into prison; for liberation therefrom; for return to Holland; for travelling abroad, except to Rome; for a recusant to go beyond the limited bounds; and for relief for a maimed soldier.

95. Remembrance, addressed to Lord Treas. Ley, of a proposition made by Nich. Lisle, for establishment of a commission to compound with the lords of the manors and others, for purchase of felons' goods, and other casualties of the Crown.

96. Considerations against a proposal for demising the casualties of the Crown, as being a barrier to the enfranchisement of copyholds, injurious to the revenue, and in danger of being oppressive to the poor, &c.

97. Opinions of the Auditors and Receivers of the Exchequer, against letting by lease the casualties of manors, as disadvantageous to the Crown.

98. Statement of the duties of the several officers of the Exchequer, viz., Lord Treasurer, Chancellor and Under Treasurer, Chamberlains, Tellers, Auditor of Receipt, Clerk of the Pells, Usher, and Tally cutter.

99. Accounts of the records, &c., which still remain in charge of the two Vice Chamberlains of the Exchequer, the State papers being placed in a separate office, under custody of Sir Thos. Wilson; with note of the prerogatives and duties of Vice Chamberlains.

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100. Notes, that certain pieces of ordnance, belonging to Scotchmen, seized in Kent, brought to Tower Hill, and sold by the Scotchmen to the East India Company, is not allowed to be delivered up without warrant from the Council. They were falsely supposed to be Aynscombe s, but he had a discharge from arrest for his goods.

101. Statement, that Jas. Whitehall, of Christ Church, Oxford, preached Judaism there; was imprisoned for it, but escaped to Ireland; preached the same doctrines; was remonstrated with, and imprisoned in Dublin Castle: but, as he still persists, the Archbp. of Canterbury requests that he may be brought to England, by order of Council.

102, 103. Points on which the Earl of Bristol's proceedings were examined. His long delays; acting contrary to directions; forcing arguments to precipitate the match; also that he would have ventured, had he not been prevented, to give the power for the contract, without the promise of restitution of the Palatinate. Two copies.

104. Observations deduced from the examination conducted by the Lords, on the King's direction, into the proceedings of the Earl of Bristol, giving the general nature of the charges against him, and his explanations thereon.

105. List of the Privy Councillors.

106. List of Sheriffs [of the 21st year of James I.]

107. Supplication, in verse, to "the blessed Saint, Queen Elizabeth," from "the wretched and most contemptible, the poore Commons of England," for her intercession for relief of their wrongs; with similar supplication to the Deity, lamenting their sufferings from her death, and that of Prince Henry, from projectors, monopolists, parasites, grasping courtiers, &c. With the reply thereto of Queen Elizabeth, contrasting the present state of England with its condition during her reign.

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Jan. 1. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. Advice about keeping the soldiers in order by example of other times, the justices caring for, and the captains attending their companies. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 183.]

Jan. 1. Somerton. 1. Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Had the 150 men ordered for their division ready by Nov. 22, but no officer came near till Dec. 24. Gave them up then, as directed, to Lieut.

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Woodhouse, appointed by Lieut.-Col. Boswell. He chose such as he liked, but because one man was absent, would not receive them, and ordered them to be sent next day to Ipswich. They were so, and delivered up in full. He had ordered those whom he did not choose to meet him at Ipswich, hoping to put them in the place of any who might give something for their discharge. He also told the soldiers they were fools to stir, unless they had pay from the time of their imprest, five weeks before, whereas the orders were only to pay from the time of their delivery to their captains; and thus he well nigh caused a mutiny. His reports that he had to wait for his men, or that the best were discharged, are false and scandalous.

Jan. 1. Chiswick. 2. Fras. Lord Russell to the Same. Sends the indentures of delivery of the 300 men levied in Devonshire, and requests that in future, the officers may be ready to take the men at the time appointed, the neglect of their so doing being much complained of. *Incloses,*

I. *Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Devonshire, of* 100 *soldiers to Fras. Kerton, of Taunton James, Deputy of Capt. Reynolds; with list of their names. Dec.* 13. [*Case C., James I., No.* 28.]

II. *Duplicate of the above.* [*Ibid., No.* 29.]

III. *Like indenture and list of* 200 *soldiers, delivered to Thos. Wright, Ensign to Serjeant-Major Bonithon, Dec.* 17. [*Ibid., No.* 30.]

Jan. 1. 3. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Desires renewal of his commission of lieutenancy for Suffolk, with the addition of Sir Geo. Le Hunt and Sir John Barker as Deputy Lieutenants, in place of Sir Hen. Felton, Bart., and Thos. Clench, lately dead.

Jan. 1. Lincoln. 4. Dr. John Farmery to Simon Prickells, servant to Wm. Boswell. Sends up the small remaining balance of the contribution of the Clergy for the Palatinate, of which the total was 544*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and also of their Bishops' benevolence, total 146*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* Sends him 20*s.* for some New Year's gift for his master, and 5*s.* for a pair of gloves for himself.

Jan. 1. 5. Agreement whereby Sir Sampson Darell surrenders to Sir Allan Apsley, Lieutenant of the Tower, his share in their joint office of Surveyor of Victuals, &c., on payment of 2,000*l.*

Jan. 1. Exeter. 6. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. A leaky ship of 200 tons, laden with rye, abandoned at sea, was brought into Teignmouth by a Holland man-of-war, who asks only payment of expenses and a gratuity for his service. The corn should be disposed of at once. Asks directions.

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Jan. 2. Plymouth. 7. Sir John Eliot and others to Buckingham. The towns of Plymouth and Saltash have had several conferences on his Grace's orders to remove the harbour of Catwater; have been unable to induce them to undertake it, on account of differences occasioned by their several interests, which only his wisdom can compose. Indorsed, "Sir John Eliot concerning the ship sunk in the harbour of Catwater."

Jan. 2. Whitehall. 8. The Council to the Same. A fleet of 50 Hamburg ships, now riding in the Downs, is to be searched, to know whither they are bound, and with what they are laden.

Jan. 2. London. 9. Sir John Ogle to Carleton. The Duke of Brunswick and Earl of Salisbury have received the Order of the Garter. Count Mansfeldt's business has been forwarded here, but nothing is heard of the arms that were to be provided for his troops in Holland, nor of the arrival of his German forces. He now asks arms from our stores, and fresh money, both which are likely to be granted, out of care that his enterprize should not fail. Great excesses have been committed in Kent and about Dover [by the troops], but are suppressed by a power of punishment given to the local authorities; Sir Thos. Dutton has been much hurt in an encounter with the unruly soldiers. Sir Peter Egmont is said to wish to be Ambassador, in Sir Noel Caron's place. Lord St. John, of Bletsoe, is created Earl of Bolingbroke; Lord Hollis, Earl of Clare; and Sir Edw. Herbert, Lord Herbert. Sir Fras. Fane was to be Earl of Westmoreland, but has been passed by. The troops for Ireland are likely to be sent over this month.

Jan. 2. Dover Castle. 10. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Requests that 30 of the colliers' ships may be sent. Has stayed certain horses, professing to be bound for France. The commission for martial law has arrived, but all the law in the world will not serve the turn, unless the soldiers are paid. Is surprised that, on account of his office, his name should be the last of the knights in the commission. Has received the Ambassador, with 40 gentlemen, well appointed, and 21 pieces of ordnance.

Jan. 3. Dover Castle. 11. The Same to [Buckingham]. Had the commission for martial law arrived earlier, it would have saved Kent 40,000*l*. A soldier, who said that if they hanged one they should hang all, was sentenced to death, but the officers, being tender in shedding blood, requested the French Ambassador to beg for his pardon; this has done good. Compensation is needed for the owners of the transport ships, who have been waiting three weeks. Requests a warrant for shipping 600 horse that are to come, and special care that the soldiers may be paid.

Jan. 3. Buckingham to Sir Rich. Bingley. To search the 50 Hamburg ships in the Downs; learn to what place they are bound, and wherewith they are laden, and return a speedy account. [*Dom. Corresp., April* 10, 1625.]

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Jan. 3. York. 12. Matt. Dodsworth to Dr. More. Is willing to accede to his wish that Thomas Levett, Student of Civil Law, may share his patent as Judge of the Admiralty in the northern counties, being an able and honest man; it is said that the offices of Chancellor and Commissary of the Archbp. of York are settled in trust for Levett, as they lately were for Sir Tobie Matthew.

Jan. 3. Little Glemham. 13. Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk to the Council. Have delivered 46 men, their proportion, to Fras. Woodhouse, Lieutenant appointed by Lieut. Col. Boswell; his late coming caused much trouble. Beg that his complaints against them may not prejudice them.

Jan. 3. Newmarket. 14. Order to Att. Gen. Coventry, to prepare a Privy Seal for payment of 3,615*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, out of the profits of Burlamachi and Jacobson for iron ordnance and shot, to Sir Thos. Button, on his delivering in certain discharges.

Jan. 3. Winterbourne. 15. Matt. Nicholas to Edw. Nicholas. One of the daughters of Mr. Tolson has been offered in marriage to John Rives. Two men have been pressed as soldiers from the parish; hopes they will behave better in war than they did in peace. Latin.

Jan. 4. Canterbury. 16. Ant. Hill to the Same. The Duke having given him leave to go on Count Mansfeldt's expedition, requests his consent that Capt. Parker, a sufficient gentleman and a soldier, may discharge his place in the Cinque Ports [as Muster-master] during his absence, they sharing the profits between them.

Jan. 4. Westminster. 17. Warrant to renew the commissions of Lieutenancy for cos. Suffolk, Berks, and Oxford, with the addition for Suffolk of Sir John Barker and Sir Geo. Le Hunt, for Oxford of Cope Doyle, and for Berks of Chas. Wiseman, as Deputy Lieutenants.

Jan. 4. London. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Ley. To give a warrant to Mr. Scandaver, for wood to make a paddock for taking red deer, to be brought to Newhall. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 183.]

Jan. 5. London. The Same to Mr. Avery, at Hamburg. Advertises the stay of their ships, the reason, and their good usage. Assurances of the King's good estimation of that town. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 5. London. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare the royal assent for Dr. Goodman, Bp. of Gloucester, with a commendam for 200*l.* a year. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 5. Doctors' Commons. 18. Sir Hen. Marten to Sec. Conway. There is nothing unusual to prevent His Majesty's pardoning Thos. Bedam, condemned for piracy. *Incloses,*

18. 1. *Petition of Thos. Bedam to the King for pardon, being condemned for not discovering a piracy of which he was cognizant.*

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Jan. 5. Whitehall. 19. Order in Council, that the ship St. George, having been lately sold beyond seas by strangers who became joint owners, no English ship is to be allowed to come into the hands of foreigners, and all ships fit to be used for war are to be put in bonds, before going a voyage, that they shall not be alienated nor sold to strangers, but be returned safely to England, with their ordnance, unless lost at sea.

Jan. 5. 20. Warrant to pay to the Duke of Buckingham 30,000*l.*, as the King's free gift.

Jan. 6. Whitehall. 21. The King to Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To prepare a warrant for a grant to Lord Walden of 5,000*l.*, as the King's free gift, to be paid in two years.

Jan. 6 ? 22. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Has been soliciting all over for money in vain. Will send 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* as soon as ever he can get it together. French.

Jan. 6. Dover. 23. Thos. Lord Cromwell to the Council of War. Among many wants, there is great deficiency of surgeons and drummers; the surgeons pressed were scarcely good barbers, and better should be sent speedily. The drummers for his regiment were pressed, but have not arrived. They have not a sword amongst them all, and are obliged to train the men with cudgels, wherewith they baste their officers; without swords all resolve never to march.

Jan. 6. Plymouth. 24. Jas. Bagg to Buckingham. Has no Newland [Newfoundland] fish, in his Vice Admiralty, the owners of which profess it to be bound for Spain or Portugal, but has 400,000 or 500,000 to be exported to France, or Italy, whence it might be taken to Spain. Asks if it should be detained, and, if so, begs payment for it. It is worth about 2,400*l.*, and the merchants will be anxious for their money.

Jan. 6. Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Hen. Gibb, Groom of the Bedchamber, the manor of Walton Leigh, the messuage called Ashley, and other lands in Walton-on-Thames, contained in the indenture of annexation to the Crown, notwithstanding the absence of the required certificate from Council. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 7. Licence to Thos. Clarke, and other inhabitants of Egham and Staines, nominated Bridgemasters by the Lord Keeper, to receive tolls for repair of Staines bridge, and the causeway between Egham and Staines, yielding up accounts thereof to the Lord Keeper. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 7. Grant to Edw. Griffin of pardon for manslaughter, committed in self-defence. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 7 ? 25. Sir Thos. Dutton to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. Of his Wiltshire men, 50 have deserted; sent in vain to the Deputy Lieutenants to supply their places, and knows not what to do, unless there may be a press about Canterbury to fill up the number. There should be

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a severe course with the runaways, for they were well paid, but very unruly. Had it not been for the proclamation for martial law, they would have plundered all Kent, for they have beaten their officers everywhere. *Incloses,*

25. I. *And. Hughes and others, of Winsborough, Kent, to* [*Lord Chamb. Pembroke?*]. *Sir Thos. Dutton's company have demeaned themselves honestly, and duly received their allowance of* 8*d. a day, but many have left the company. Winsborough, Jan.* 7.

25. II. *List of* 49 *Wiltshire men who ran away from Sir Thos. Dutton's company. Jan.* 7.

Jan. 7. Dover. 26. Sir John Hippisley to [Sec. Conway]. The martial law has done much good. A soldier was hanged for house-breaking, which struck terror into the rest. Count Mansfeldt hastens away, and is shipping the two Dover regiments. A bulk-head is required to each ship, to carry the 15 days' provisions; the shipmasters will not be at the expense, but Count Mansfeldt will have it done; asks who is to pay this and other casual expenses. The officers will only consent to have two men per ton in the ships, whereas three were intended. The merchants will not unload their goods from the vessels; has sent some to the Castle for refusing. The sailors refuse to go unless they have press money given. Has little help from the Deputy Lieutenants of Kent. *Incloses,*

26. I. *Mayor of Sandwich to Sir John Hippisley. Has hastened the sending of the Sandwich ships to Dover, and has arrested for the service the two pinks bound for Dunkirk; they are now unlading. Sandwich, Jan.* 5.

26. II. *Examination of Wm. Horlestone, master of the William and John, of Sandwich. Was at Hull in October last, and shipped for John Lister* 24 *sows of lead, and* 24 *firkins of hail shot, for Dunkirk. Dec.* 30.

26. III. *Examination of Wm. Owen, master of the Richard, of Sandwich. Shipped at Dublin quantities of beef, fish, butter, cheese, bacon, &c., to be delivered to Rich. Tacke, at Dunkirk. Dec.* 31.

Jan. 8. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. Takes knowledge of examinations for stay [of passage?], and his care to put the shipping in order. He is to sound Count Mansfeldt about his rendezvous, and whether he shall need 20 ships. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 183.]

Jan. 8? 27. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Has received letters from Dover, pressing for supplies. Has sent part, and will follow with the rest. French

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Jan. 8. 28. Capt. Will. Byng to Nicholas. Recommends Hen. Wood and John Faulkner to places void in Deal Castle, the usual course being for captains to commend soldiers to the Lord Warden.

Jan. 8. London. 29. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. The King kept his chamber all Christmas, only going out in his litter in fair weather, to see some flights at the brook. The Duke of Brunswick stayed a week, and visited all the nobility. The Duchess of Richmond admitted him, with a proviso that he should not kiss her; but he kissed all her attendants twice over. Her magnificence is much talked of; she went to her chapel at Ely House, with her four principal officers marching before her in velvet gowns, with white staves, three gentlemen ushers, and two ladies to bear her train, the Countesses of Bedford and Montgomery, and other ladies, following in couples, &c.; but all this does not bring down the pride of Lady Hatton, who contests much with her about their bargains and the house. The Duke of Brunswick was lodged and well entertained by the Prince, and had a gift from him of 3,000*l.*; he had also a pension of 2,000*l.* a year, and was made Knight of the Garter, as are the Earls of Salisbury and Carlisle. Lord St. John of Bletsoe is made Earl of Bolingbroke, and Sir Fras. Fane Earl of Westmoreland, and there was great urgency for the precedence of a day; other creations; rich Robartes, of Truro, is to be made Lord of somewhat, and marry one of the [Duke's] kindred. Another is to be made a great man shortly, who seven years ago little dreamt of it; but now those gain preferment whose parts agree best with the humour of the times. Sec. Calvert is dismissed, but not empty handed; and Sir John Coke, who has lately married an Alderman's widow, and therefore can give well, succeeds him. The soldiers plundered as they passed to Dover, as though in an enemy's country. They are ill provided, and have mutinied already, so that Count Mansfeldt dares not show himself amongst them. He has sent for 20,000*l.*, in addition to the 55,000*l.*, and by some shift it was sent, for we want him gone. Kendrick, a bachelor merchant, left 8,000*l.* to Reading, where he was born, 1,000*l.* to the repairs of St. Paul's, and large sums to other charities. Sir Isaac Wake has reached Venice.

Jan. 9. 30. Bill for services and disbursements performed for Ambassadors by Sir John Finet, Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, since Jan. 21, 1624. Total, 40*l.* 10*s.*

Jan. 9? 31. Earl of Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Hears miserable complaints from his captains, of want of pay for their companies, which makes some men run away, steal, or faint and fall sick. Burlamachi cannot take up moneys on security of the Prince's Council, and if payments be not made in the beginning, much mischief will follow, and the soldiers be discouraged. The King's warrant is wanting for delivery of arms from the Tower. [*See Jan.* 14.]

Jan. 10. Dartmouth. 32. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. Will attend to his orders for stay of shipping. Great naval preparations in Spain. The English

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are treated there with such unusual courtesy that they are jealous lest it be a blind, and that the design looks northward.

Jan. 10. Whitehall. 33. The King to the Muscovy Merchants. They have long delayed to discharge a debt of 1,000*l.* due by them to Wm. Towerson, of London, on plea that they have no common stock, nor means for it. Recommends them to pay it out of the first two years' rent of their farm of the Greenland fishery, to which, if they consent, their grant of that farm shall be confirmed; otherwise, being unwarranted by their charter, it shall be left questionable by law.

Jan. 10. 34. [The Same to the Farmers of the Fishing Trade in Greenland, under the Muscovy Company.] Confirms their farm, on condition that they pay to Wm. Towerson their first two years' rent of 520*l.* a year, in satisfaction of the debt due to him by that Company.

Jan. 10. Gloucester. 35. Mayor, &c. of Gloucester to the Council. Send the names of country gentlemen residing within the city, contrary to proclamation. *Inclose,*

35. 1. *List of five persons, resident in Gloucester away from their country dwellings, with the reasons given by them in excuse.*

Jan. 10. Canterbury. 36. Capt. Matt. Parker to Nicholas. His employment [as Muster-master] in Sussex need not prevent his acting as deputy to Capt. Hill, as the musters are held at different times. Intends also to get leave to put off his Sussex employments, and devote himself wholly to this.

Jan. 10. Canterbury. 37. Ant. Hill to the Same. Being about to sail, is anxious to settle the business between Capt. Parker and himself. Parker promises to hold the musters of the Ports in due time, and, if necessary, to obtain a deputy for Sussex. Has received from him money to pay his troops, provide arms, &c., therefore will be much troubled if it cannot be settled. Dover is grievously defaced by the soldiers; but martial law is come down, though late, and a gallows set up in the market place. The Germans are on or near the coast. Will give Nicholas 10 pieces, if he returns honourably.

Jan. 10. 38. Inventory and appraisement of a ship laden with rye, taken up as a derelict, and brought to Teignmouth. The rye sold for 512*l.*, and the expenses were 63*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Jan. 10. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a bill for the Duchess of Lenox, and two of her sons, of an annuity of 1,500*l.* out of the Green Wax, and 600*l.* beside, with certain provisos; and another bill for 1,400*l.* a year, for 21 years, to the young Duke. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 183.]

Jan. 10. The Same to the Commissioners for Martial Law in Kent. To assist Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger, sent to examine some defects. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 10 ? 39. [Sec. Conway to the Earl of Lincoln?]. The King thinks the directions already given about the troops sufficient. Soldiers were formerly billeted at Plymouth for 2*s.* 6*d.* a week, without complaint. They have their full pay of 8*d.* a day whilst on march, because of the uncertain rates of provision; but at the rendezvous, they have only 2*s.* 6*d.* a week, and the rest is reserved for their two suits of clothes yearly. Gentlemen are to be admonished to furnish the markets with cheap and plentiful provisions. Thus much the King declared, but leaves him to reply to Sir John Ogle.

Jan. 10. Whitehall. 40. The King to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To examine the condition of the pay, quartering, and government of the troops at Dover, the number of ships provided for their transportation, and what is still wanting therefor, and to redress or certify all defects. Also to treat with Count Mansfeldt about their transport, and the place of their landing; if he refuses to abide by former arrangements, and takes new ways of his own, his moneys are to be stayed, the ships dismissed, and the troops disbanded, with money to return home. Minute.

Jan. 10. 41. Draft of the above.

Jan. 10. Dover. 42. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt's resolution is to land in the Low Countries, near Flushing, but he has not victuals for the two regiments here, much less for the four others; he says he has victuals coming from London. He will ship the troops, and then proclaim death to any that go on shore, and will go on board himself on Saturday. Requires warrants for sundry payments, shipping of horses, &c. There will not be shipping enough, unless orders be sent that the colonels shall allow more than two men to a ton. Found it impossible to receive the men by indenture, having so little assistance.

Jan. 10. Dover. 43. The Same to Buckingham. Count Mansfeldt desires 15 ship carpenters to be sent down to him. Thinks there will be ships enough, but not victuals; however the Count talks of being ready by Thursday.

Jan. 10. 44. The Same to [Nicholas]. The ship he enquires about, although pressed, is gone for Spain; and another pressed vessel, laden with lead and marble, is gone to Dunkirk. Thinks they should be made examples of, or at the next imprest, none will stay.

Jan. 11 ? 45. Note of the advisability of the Earl of Anglesey's obtaining from the King a grant of the manor of Siston, co. Gloucester, because it lies near his lands, and has a goodly house on it, which he wishes to purchase.

Jan. 11. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. To renew the Privy Seal for land worth 400*l.* a year to the Earl of Anglesey, who promises Conway to omit some lands which were to be passed to him, in the Isle of Wight. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

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Jan. 11. 46. [Sec. Conway to Sir Rich. Bingley?]. To stay a Scottish ship, which, being pressed for transport of Mansfeldt's troops, stole away, and is now riding in the Downs.

Jan, 11. Dover. 47. Sir John Hippisley, Sir Nich. Tufton, and Sir Peter Heyman to the Council. Have waited on Mansfeldt daily, to urge the orders for a muster; but he says it is impossible till the troops embark, which will be on Thursday.

Jan. 11. Whitehall. 48. [Sec. Conway] to Sol. Gen. Heath. The King wishes him to prepare a grant to Sir Thos. Walsingham of a pension of 200*l.* a year from the Court of Wards and Liveries, on condition of his remitting all arrears due on pensions formerly granted to his mother, Lady Walsingham.

Jan. 11. Warrant to pay to the Lord Admiral 30,000*l.*, of the King's free gift. [*Docquet*]

Jan. 11. Grant to Dr. Goodman, Bishop elect of Gloucester, to hold in commendam, a prebend in Windsor, and the rectory of West Ildesley, co. Berks, which he now enjoys, and any other benefices not exceeding in value 200*l.*; with dispensation for non-residence, provided he holds not more than three benefices with cure. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 11. Royal assent for consecration of the same as Bp. of Gloucester, according to an election returned from the Dean and Chapter. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 11. Presentation of Peter du Moulin to the rectory of Llanarmon, diocese of St. Asaph, void by promotion of the late incumbent to the bishopric of Gloucester. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 11. Grant to John Pitt and John Snape, the King's servants, of the benefit of a recognizance of 40*l.*, and two others of 20*l.* each, forfeited by —— Chadwell and his two sureties, for breach of the peace, and non-appearance at the last assizes in Oxfordshire. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Grant to the Mayor, &c. of Congleton, Cheshire, of confirmation of their liberties, with alterations and additions to their previous charter; and grant, on their petition, of the stewardship of the borough to Sir Thos. Savage and his heirs male. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to pass to Lord Pres. Mandeville, on payment of 12,500*l.*, a grant of the manor of Sombourn, co. Hants, and other lands, value 500*l.* a year; with direction for instruments of declaration to free the lands from any annexations; and proviso of surrender, in exchange for lands of equal value, if granted within 10 months. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Grant to John Baker of the keeping of Bagshot Park, void by decease of Sir Noel de Caron. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to pay to Lord Chichester 534*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, as the King's free gift, for special service within the kingdom. [*Docquet.*]

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Jan. 12. Warrant to pay to Phil. Jacobson, King's jeweller, 1,130*l.*, for jewels delivered for His Majesty's service, on Dec. 30 last. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to pay to Sir Fras. Crane 2,000*l.*, to be employed in buying in 1,000*l.* per ann. of pensions, or other gifts made by the King and not yet payable, for ease of his Majesty's charge of 1,000*l.* a year, towards the maintenance of Sir Francis' tapestry manufactures. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to the Keeper of Hyde Park, to cause three brace of bucks to be taken and conveyed to Marybone Park, to supply the scarcity caused by the great rain there. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Warrant to the Master of the Toils to cause the toils to be sent to Hyde Park, for performance of this service. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. Letter to Edw. Rogers and others, to assist Bernard Johnson and John Phelips in a winter survey of King's Sedgmoor, that they may ascertain what channels are required to draw off the water, without injury to other lands, and what quantities and descriptions of wood and stone are requisite for the same. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 12. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Thos. Tildesley. For Mr. Raylton's debt. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 12. London. The Same to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To grant administration to the Duchess of Lenox, she performing an agreement underhand. The business of coals is left to the King. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 12. London. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley. To furnish Sir Geo. Goring with 500*l.* or 600*l.* for a present service, for which a Privy Seal shall be sent. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 12. 49. Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey to the Council. Have delivered 200 men to Capt. Thos. Ramsay, and 50 to Rowland Reynolds, Capt. Willoughby's officer. The collectors of subsidy refused to advance money, because they are under heavy bonds to pay it to the treasurers appointed by Parliament; have therefore advanced 114*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* for press and conduct money, and charges of the men whilst in Southwark. Beg repayment of this, and also of 100*l.*, the charge of keeping them until received, which was needful to prevent disorder. *Inclose,*

I. *Roll of* 200 *men delivered at Southwark. Dec.* 18. [*Case C., James I.*, 31.]

II. *Like roll of* 50 *men, delivered at Southwark. Dec.* 19. [*Ibid, No.* 32.]

Jan. 12. 50. Buckingham to Count Mansfeldt. Assures him of confidence and affection; has spoken of the hindrances and difficulties in which his undertaking is involved, and of his fears lest Parliament would be dissatisfied with the loss of time, and fruitless expenditure of large sums, and lest by these delays, the good cause would be worse off than ever; but has always had regard to his honour, and never

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called in question his prudence or integrity. Is much grieved with the person who so unjustly reported his words. Has answered his inquiries, in instructions given to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. French.

Jan. 13. Canterbury. 51. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. The soldiers quartered at Canterbury have behaved well, but want apparel, and the officers complain of want of pay. The troops are sent for to Dover to embark. Hope they will not be detained for lack of money. Burlamachi must make good provision. There are ships enough, and fourteen Hamburghers are stayed, to be used if needful.

Jan. 13. Dover. 52. The Same to the Same. Count Mansfeldt purposes to land at Etampes, being forbidden Calais, and that coast, by the French King. He speaks of landing only in France. Desire to know whether they may consent to his going to any other port than Calais.

Jan. 13. Chelmsford. 53. Justices of Essex to the Council. Have issued public orders for apprehension of all deserters, hoping thereby that some will return to their captains. If many are taken, request orders as to whether they shall be indicted for felony, and some made an example of, and, if so, wish for a form of indictment, the laws being numerous and differing. *Inclose,*

53. I. *Order that, as many of the men imprested and delivered to their captains at Chelmsford have run away, to the great injury of the service, and evil example to others, watch shall be set for them throughout the county, and they put in gaol, unless they can find sureties in* 20*l. for their appearance at the assizes; also that penalties shall be inflicted on those who received prest money, and then failed to appear, to be delivered to their captains. Jan.* 7.

Jan. 13. Sherborne. 54. Earl of Bristol to the King. Urges his repeated promises not to condemn him without a personal hearing, which he craves as the reward of 20 years' service, and meanwhile begs a suspension of his Majesty's displeasure, and leave to attend to his estates, injured by his long absence.

Jan. 13. Sherborne. 55. The Same to Sec. Conway. Requests his favour in some things which Mr. Gresley will name to him; Conway's just and noble heart must befriend a cause like his.

Jan. 13. London. 56. D. Carleton to [Sir Dud. Carleton]. Incloses Lord Brooke's invitation for Vossius, of Leyden, to come over, and supply a lectureship on Humanity at Cambridge, which he intends to endow with a house, &c., and 120*l.* stipend. Advises that Vossius do not resign at Leyden till he has been over, but Lord Brooke will be displeased if his professed intentions are not believed as the gospel.

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Jan. 13. 57. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. Sir John Hippisley commands the accounts to be sent to him, contrary to previous orders. He takes strange courses, disposing of everything, and having everything done in his name. Asks if it is by order of the Duke. A piece of ordnance, weighing 23 cwt., is taken up by the diver. *Incloses,*

57. I. [*Sir John Hippisley*] *to Thos. Fulnetby. Authorizes him to ride through the ports, to take the accounts of the Droit Gatherers, and to dismiss any that are negligent, and place others. Dover Castle.*

57. II. *The Same to the Same. Is authorized by the Duke of Buckingham to take the accounts of all his droits and other casualties. Requests that they may be sent to him, instead of to his Grace, as previously ordered. Sir Rich. Bingley is to have the Pink in Ramsgate pier. Dover Castle, Dec.* 30.

Jan. ? 58. Statement [by Nicholas], that the profits of the Cinque Ports are collected by the Serjeant of the Admiralty, to whom the accounts of the Droit Gatherers are given in, and not to the Lieutenant of Dover Castle, unless in case of complaint or appeal; also, that it will be to the Lord Warden's profit to receive his own accounts, personally or by deputy, and have inventories taken of all wrecked goods, &c.

Jan. ? 59. Draft of the above.

[Jan. 13.] 60. Petition of the Muscovy Company trading to Greenland to Council. The Hollanders have not yet paid the 22,000*l.* ordered for their depredations and intrusions in Greenland, but still fit out vessels for the trade, by commission from the Prince of Orange. Request payment of the money, by letters of marque or otherwise, and letters to the Prince of Orange to forbear granting such commissions.

Jan. 13. Whitehall. 61, 62. Order in Council, on the above petition of the Muscovy Company, that the King decides that they shall have the same privilege which was granted to the East India Company, viz., to stop any Holland vessels trading to those parts, till satisfaction is obtained for the 22,000*l.*, and that the Ambassador in Holland shall inquire about the commissions from the Prince of Orange. Two copies.

Jan. 13. Whitehall. 63. Order in Council, that Sir Randall Cranfield, Master of the Mint, be for a time sequestered from the profits of his place, for wilfully refusing to perform certain things required of him by the board, as remedy for abuses in the Mint.

Jan. 14. Warrant to pay to Lord Walden, within two years, 5,000*l.*, as the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 14. Letter to the chapter of York Cathedral to elect Dr. John Scott, as Dean. [*Docquet.*]

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Jan. 14. Dover. 64. Sir John Ogle to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt desires Burlamachi to send 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.*, that he may have wherewith to content the men on their landing. They hope to get off on Saturday, if they can have bread enough ready. The Count is resolved to land in France, unless he has a prohibition under the French King's own hand.

Jan. 14. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle, and Sir Wm. St. Leger. If Mansfeldt land in any part of France, the word is kept. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 14. 65. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Has been trying to raise 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* for present necessities, on the security of the Prince's Council, on his own, or that of his friends, but is refused everywhere; people are unwilling to lend, because, being an affair of state, they fear they should not be repaid. Has begged Sir Rich. Smith to prevent the Prince's Council being left to the discretion of usurers, for raising the money. Cannot remedy the complaints of the Earl of Lincoln; had sent 2,000*l.*, which cannot be spent yet. Mansfeldt sent a courier for money; advanced him 800*l.*, there being 720*l.* more at Sandwich. Two regiments have embarked, and the others are following; they have provisions for eight days. French.

Jan. 14. 66. Abstract of the above, translated.

[Jan. 15.] 67. The Same to the Same. Sir Rich. Smith and other councillors of the Prince are trying to obtain part of the 20,000*l.* Has offered to be joint security for it with any of the Prince's Council, a man of his vocation sometimes adding credit to an affair. 800*l.* was received yesterday, and Dolbier is setting out for Sandwich. The Rochellers have sent a deputy, to assure the French King of their loyalty. French.

Jan. 15? 68. The Same to the Same. Would need no spur beyond the love of the States, were he able to furnish the money required; but having advanced 19,000*l.* to Count Mansfeldt, and not received a penny, his resources are so exhausted that he cannot go further without injuring his credit. Will willingly indemnify the Duke of Buckingham, if he will furnish money, or take a bond of four or six of the Prince's Councillors to repay the sum in six months. Any delay would be detrimental to the cause. Has sent letters of change for the provision of the troops on their landing. Arms are very necessary to be sent at once. French.

Jan. 15. Dover. 69. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt will get his troops on board to-morrow night, and only stays for the 2,000*l.* due for December. Beg that it be speedily sent, or else his supply of victuals, which will only last to the 19th, will be done. He wants 2,000 pikes and 2,000 muskets. The Prince of Orange does not encourage him to land in Holland.

Jan. 15. Dover. 70. The Same to the Same. Mansfeldt desires to know what to do, if prevented from landing in France. The Holland fleet has

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arrived, therefore he wants no arms, except 6,000 swords, the cost of which is to be deducted from the next two months' allowance. Fear there will be great lack of victuals, but are trying to prevent it.

Jan. 15. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Touching the landing at Etampes. Money and arms to be sent. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 15. Grant to Sir Hen. Hobart and others nominated by the Prince, of the lordship and manor of Bromfield and Yale, co. Denbigh, in trust for his benefit, with power to compound with such of the tenants as desire it, for purchase of the fee farm of their lands. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Grant to the Duke of Buckingham of the office of Constable of Windsor Castle and Keeper of the forests, parks, &c. there, with all profits thereto belonging, from the death of the late Earl of Nottingham. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Grant to the Same of the office of Warden, Chief Justice and Justice Itinerant of all forests, &c. on this side Trent, for life, with all fees, &c., from the death of the late Earl of Nottingham. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Warrant to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy and Surveyors of Victuals 28,001*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, for ordinary Navy expenses of the year 1625, and for building a rope-house at Chatham, for the rope-makers to work under in wet weather, &c. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Warrant to Sir Thos. Smythe, Sir John Coke, and the other Navy Commissioners, to sell certain decayed brass shivers and old cordage in the storehouses at Deptford and Chatham. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Grant to Peter Wyche of an annuity of 100*l.*, in consideration of service. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. 71. Order in Council, that as Sir Randall Cranfield, Master Worker of the Mint, refuses, in contempt of orders of the 13th, to restore to private persons certain moneys in the Mint belonging to them, the other officers of the Mint deliver those moneys, and pay the workmen their usual allowances, &c.

Jan. 15. 72. Account, by Sir Lewis Lewkenor, of his expenses in attendance on the Marquis d'Effiat and M. Ville-aux-clercs, Extraordinary Ambassadors of France, since Dec. 18. Total, 345*l.*

Jan. 15. 73. Account of the cloths brought into the market at Blackwell Hall, and of the proportion remaining unsold.

Jan. 15. 74. Locke to Carleton. There will soon be another Secretary. Sir Robt. Naunton was talked of, but now Sir Alb. Morton. The soldiers have stayed so long at Dover that many have run away.

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Jan. 15? 75. Vice Admiral ——— to ———. Has received a warrant as follows. *Annexing,*

75. I. *Lord Admiral Buckingham to the Vice Admirals. The Council have ordered that no vessel of more than fifty tons, fit to be used as a man-of-war, shall be allowed to sail, without entering into certain bonds in the Admiralty Court; authorizes him to take these bonds from vessels sailing within the limits of his jurisdiction. Admiralty Court, London, Jan.* 15, 1625.

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Jan. 16. Lambeth. 1. Sir Geo. Paul to Sec. Conway. Being the principal registrar in causes ecclesiastic, ordered divers young gentlewomen, attempting to depart the kingdom for education in foreign seminaries, to be apprehended, four months ago, and bonds taken for their appearance, and for their not departing the kingdom without licence of Council. The Archbp. of Canterbury mentioned this to the King, who thanked him for his care, but since then, orders have come to deliver up four of these bonds. Such private directions, coming contrary to legal proceedings in courts of justice, make much noise, and encourage others to leave the kingdom, and take up arms against their Prince and country. Wishes some middle way could be contrived.

Jan. 16. Dover Castle. 2. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. Four regiments are shipped, but if they are detained four days in the Downs, they will want victuals.

Jan. 16. 3. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Part of Mansfeldt's foreign troops have arrived at Dover; arms are wanted for 2,000. Has sent the Count a bill of exchange for 12,000*l.* for his landing in France, having advanced it to remove all delay. French.

Jan. 16. London. 4. D. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Thinks that Buckingham really wishes to do Sir Dudley service, and therefore presented him with the marbles. He hesitated at first to accept them, as being too valuable a present. He spoke of sending some present in return, but was told that would offend, and that he had other means of helping his friends. Sir Albert Morton is to be Secretary in Calvert's place; Sir Edw. Villiers is made Lord President of Munster; Sir Edw. Herbert, Lord of Castle Isle; and Sir Edw. Barrett, spoken of as Ambassador to France. Advises Sir Dudley to write two letters to the Duke, one for the French employment, and another for the Vice Chamberlain's place, to be delivered according to circumstances. Either would give him opportunity to come home and settle his affairs, and freedom from the dull Dutch air, &c.

Jan. 17. 5. The Same to the Same. Finds the reason why he is not allowed to come over is, that his claims are so strong that they would interfere with others. Advises him to seek the employment to

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France; he would then have to come over, and could sue for money to pay his debts, &c. Hears a Dutch report that the King of Bohemia is jealous of Sir Dudley, touching his money matters. Is sure he will be glad to be freed from the Dutch, who are neither grateful nor intelligent. The Lord Chamberlain growing infirm with gout, the Vice Chamberlain will be in the more credit.

Jan. 17. 6. Estimate, by the Navy Commissioners, of the cost of equipping 20 merchant ships, to join the fleet of 13 of the King's ships and 50 coal barks, to be made ready, with 1,600 men, for six months. Total, 24,784*l.* 10*s.*

Jan. 17. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Some of Mansfeldt's Dutch troops have arrived. Arms and munition are to be presently provided. Burlamachi is to furnish money, on security of the Prince's Council. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 17. London. The Same to Sir Rich. Smith. To endeavour for the 20,000*l.* to be taken up by the Prince's Council. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 18. London. The Same to Lord Hobart. In the same business, and to give a despatch. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 18. 7. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Sir Rich. Smith has signed the bonds for the money, but Sir Thos. Savage refuses to do so without the Prince's consent, so that time is lost. French.

Jan. 18. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. Great difficulties in raising moneys. Some designed for the Navy are taken by the Duke. No means to go any further. Resolution that Mansfeldt must land in France. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 18. Dover. 8. Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. The Duke needs not be out of countenance, but may freely dispose of his companies, both horse and foot, as all he has is at his Grace's service. If he may choose one, would prefer the foot.

Jan. 18. Dover. 9. The Same to Buckingham. A promise has been exacted with much difficulty from Count Mansfeldt, that he will land in France; but thinks he does not intend to fulfil it. If his Grace desires to hinder him from landing elsewhere, his Admiral must have notice.

Jan. 18. Dover. 10. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. Although Mansfeldt promises to land in France, he does not like to do it; he talks of sailing to-morrow, unless expressly forbidden. Sir Rich. Bingley, the Vice Admiral, desires to know what he shall do, in case the Count change his place of landing.

Jan. 18. 11. Prestwick Eaton to his brother-in-law, Geo. Willingham. Is just setting sail, and hopes to hear sometimes from him and his sister.

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[Jan. 19.] 12. Instructions issued by the Council, to be observed by commanders of ships, in the use of letters of marque, for taking and disposal of prizes at sea, so as to secnre protection of trade, and safety of His Majesty's allies.

Jan. 19. Dover. 13. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Begs favour in reference to a suit entered against him in the Chancery, at Westminster, by Millett, contrary to the privileges of the Cinque Ports.

Jan. 19. 14. Commissioners of the Navy to [Buckingham]. The ship, Prince, is ready to be launched. Ask if the nine ships, now at Chatham, shall be graven in their turns; want instructions about the rigging and pressing of men, which cannot be done by the ordinary presters, without unusual help. The Antelope is afloat.

Jan. 19. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Robt. Naunton. In favour of Mrs. Moore. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 19. Dover. 15. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. Whilst they were pressing on Count Mansfeldt the orders to land in France, he received a direct prohibition, under the French King's hand, to do so. Have still urged it upon him. He sets sail to-morrow with the German troops, and as many English as are shipped.

Jan. 19. Dover. 16. Sir Wm. St. Leger to the Same. Thinks Count Mansfeldt intends to stand for Zealand, and thence in ships of the States to ascend the Rhine, not considering the towns on the Rhine to be included in the immediate countries of the King of Spain; but if the States do not receive him, he will go to Emden or Hamburg. He will sail for the French coast, but a small matter will repulse him.

Jan. 19. Dover. 17. Mayor of Dover and other commissioners for the troops, to the Council. Have visited the companies, and received such of their indentures with the Lieutenants as were not lost. Send the list of the regiments, as they showed themselves at Dover, Sandwich, Deal, &c. The coats have been equally divided among the regiments. *Inclose,*

17. I. *List of the several officers, with the numbers of soldiers commanded by each, fit for service, as mustered by the Commissioners as above, on Jan.* 13, 14, 15, *and* 16, 1624. *Total,* 11,651.

Jan. 19. Dover. 18. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. The complaint of want of shipping is unfounded; there are ships enough for all the troops. A Scotchman reports, that the greatest fleet that ever went out is making ready in Spain, larger than that of 1588.

Jan. 19. Whitehall. 19. The Council to the Lord Admiral. The Hamburg ships, now in the Downs, are to be embargoed for transport of Count Mansfeldt's men, upon payment for the use of them, and their victuals to be bought up.

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Jan. 20? 20. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Is going to Dover to-morrow. Asks instructions on the disbursement of the money he takes for Count Mansfeldt, whether any debts of his at Dover may be paid with it, or it is to be reserved for fresh provisions for the soldiers on shipboard; and also what proportion is to be spent in England, and what in letters of exchange. The Count has already received 8,800*l.* beyond the 20,000*l.*, so that but 12,000*l.* now remains to be paid. French.

Jan. 20. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. Order for 2,000 men for supply of the troops, if they find it needful. Burlamachi is sent with money. The Duke disburses 3,000*l.* Mr. Lorkin is to persist with Mansfeldt on his landing in France. The change might bring many difficulties. Orders for an embargo on the Hamburghers. Whatever is taken from them is to be paid for. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 184.]

Jan. 20. London. 21. Dr. Godfrey Goodman, Bp. elect of Gloucester, to Sec. Conway. Has received his letter touching the Chancellor's place in Gloucester. Was very anxious to keep himself free from engagements, till he had the full right, but the King has written him to say he requires nothing from him, but has heard that he intends to make Dr. Brent Chancellor. This is not true; intends to refer everything to his Majesty.

Jan. 20. Westminster. 22. Wm. Visct. Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe, his nephew. Extreme desire of the Levant merchants for Roe to remain in Turkey. Will be glad to know his resolution about his return. Sir Robt. Shirley tries to bring Persian silk into England. Breda is still beseiged.

Jan. 20. Newmarket. 23. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. Regrets his unavoidable absence, &c. Blessings on her and his little boys.

Jan. 20. 24. Anticipations made on the great customs and other branches of the revenue of 1624, for pensions, allowances, &c.

Jan. 21. 25. Estimate by Joshua Downing, Phineas Pitt, and others, of the value of the pinnace Lion's Whelp, the ordnance, sails, anchors, &c., being removed to other ships; total, 222*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Jan. 21. Lambton. 26. Sir Wm. Lambton to Sec. Conway. Is prepared to obey the King's orders in removing the five younger daughters of the late Sir Hen. Wodrington, who are minors, from their uncle, to whom their father left them, to his own house; but wishes a legal discharge for so doing,—being bound over in 4,000*l.* truly to administer their father's will;—and also a discharge from their guardianship. Begs that they may not be removed till this is done.

Jan. 21. Warrant to pay to the Duke of Buckingham 20,000*l.*, as the King's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

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Jan. 21. Warrant for a grant to the Earl of Anglesey of lands, value 400*l.* per ann.; renewed on account of a defect in the former grant, passed in April, 1623. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 21. Grant to Rice Griffith, the King's footman, of the profits of the goods, lands, &c., of John Price, outlaw, to the value of 50*l.*; the residue of his estate to go towards satisfying his creditors. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 21. Grant to Wm. Shipman, the King's servant, of a patent for the sole planting and bringing to perfection of madder in England, on payment of such sums as are now paid for customs on madder imported. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 21. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Account of the 20,000*l.* given by Burlamachi. The Persian Ambassador's proposition for four galliasses and a ship should be referred to Sir Thos. Smythe. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 186.]

Jan. 21. London. The Same to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. No landing in France without consent. The King does not approve of the action without the French horse. The business is difficult and perplexed. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 21. London. The Same to Sir Wm. St. Leger. The foot company is chosen for him, and the horse for Sir Thos. Stafford. If victuals are taken from Hamburg vessels, or they used for transport, all must be paid for. Mansfeldt is to be held to his landing in France. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 21. London. The Same to Phil. Burlamachi. For victualling the soldiers; repeats the preceding instructions about the Hamburghers, and how to dispose of any surplus of money. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 22. London. The Same to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. The Duke is perplexed. Mr. Clark is sent to them from him, with letters of credit, to endeavour to remove the difficulties. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 22. London. Directions for Mr. Clark, touching the landing [of the troops], the remainder of moneys, and the Hamburghers, agreeing with previous directions in these businesses. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 22. London. Buckingham to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. Is confident the French King would not break his promise; it could not be said a landing was denied, if it was not attempted. If Mansfeldt refuses to attempt it, the Colonels are to do so. Credence for Mr. Clark. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. 27. The Council to Buckingham. To give directions for fitting out sufficient ships to seize the Hollanders' ships that intrude upon the fishing in Greenland, all efforts to obtain satisfaction for the 22,000*l.*, due for their depredations, having failed. If no resistance is made, the goods are to be taken care of till further pleasure.

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Jan. 22. 28. Locke to Carleton. Sir Albert Morton is to be sworn Secretary, when the Duke goes to Court. Mansfeldt's soldiers are shipped, except 2,000, who have run away, and are to be supplied by a new press near London; 13 ships of the Navy, 20 merchant men, and 50 collier vessels are to be made ready, at a cost of 30,000*l.*, advanced by Sir Wm. Russell.

Jan. 22. 29. Inventory, by Joshua Downing, of the names and former trades of all the officers and shipkeepers belonging to the 29 vessels of the Navy riding at Chatham, most of whom have been husbandmen or mechanics. Total, 232. *Annexing,*

29. I. *Reasons of the Navy's being thus weakly manned; viz., that the boatswains, gunners, &c. take for their servants persons of any trade, keep them for a few years, and then dismiss them, so that no care is taken to breed up able seamen, and private recommendations also bring tradespeople to be sailors.*

29. II. *Dangers likely to result from the guarding of the Navy by insufficient shipkeepers, who do not know their business; viz., general carelessness of service; lingering of the men on shore, and disorderly conduct there; damage to the ships through negligence or ignorance; neglect of the night watches, and inexperience in managing ordnance; with suggestions of remedy, by placing* 50 *efficient sailors in the ships, ordering practice in firing, and the regular attendance of shipmasters.*

29. III. *Instructions to boatswains, gunners, and shipkeepers, in their several duties, to be performed under penalty of loss of a month's pay, or of their places.*

29. IV. *"Things necessary to be reformed and ordered in the new dockyard at Chatham;" viz., stealing away wood, rope, materials, &c.; disorders by shipkeepers remaining on shore, &c.; with suggestions for remedy.*

Jan. 22. 30. Copy of two leaves of the preceding document. With a cancelled draft of "Things necessary to be reformed and ordered in the new dockyard at Chatham."

Jan. 22. Pillington Hall. 31. Edw. Littleton to Walter Brooke, of Lapley. The gentleman was indited at the assizes, though much influence was used for the contrary. Mr. Chambers is trying to get him [*i.e., the benefit of his pardon*], but he has not the promise of him yet. His estate is worth 400*l.* a year, and therefore he is likely to pay liberally.

Jan. 22. London. 32. Edw. Sherburn to Carleton. Has long been silent on account of his misfortunes. Hoped his Lordship would have been called home before this. Recommends an old servant to his favour. Regrets the affair between Lord and Lady Purbeck.

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Jan. 22. 33. Deputy Lieutenants of Essex to the Council. Levied, as directed, the 750 men, and delivered them to the appointed officers, in time to be at Dover by Dec. 24. The subsidy collectors have advanced 287*l.* 10*s.* Give particulars of its disbursement for imprest and conduct money, and beg consideration for the expenses incurred in bringing the troops up to Chelmsford, from other parts of the county. *Inclose,*

I. *Indenture of delivery of* 200 *foot soldiers, levied in Essex, to Capt. Thos. Webb; with list of their names. Dec.* 17. [*Case C., James I., No.* 33.]

II. *Like indenture and list for* 250 *men delivered to Capt. Rich. Leigh, Lieutenant to Sir Chas. Rich. Dec.* 17. [*Ibid., No.* 34.]

III. *Like indenture and list for* 200 *men, delivered to Hen. Knevitt, Lieutenant to Capt. Wm. Winter. Dec.* 17. [*Ibid., No.* 35.]

IV. *Like indenture and list of* 100 *men, delivered to Sir Walter Waller. Dec.* 17. [*Ibid., No.* 36.]

Jan. 23. 34. Earl of Middlesex to [Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer]. Is pressed to impossibilities, by the creditors of the household and wardrobe. Offers, if the King will release his estate, to pay 10,000*l.* within a year, and 5,000*l.* each of the two succeeding years.

Jan. [23]. 35. Draft of the above. Indorsed, "E. of Middlesex, concerning such as presse upon him for payment of moneis assigned upon his fyne."

Jan. 23. London. Buckingham to the Prince. Relates the proceedings about Mansfeldt's landing, and the arguments and replies on all sides. Lorkin has returned to France to press it; Mansfeldt is held to it. It is proposed, in order that the whole cost and action be not lost, either to land in France, between force and consent, or, joining the French horse, go to the Low Countries. The first may hazard more than it can profit; the latter may more advantage the cause. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 187.]

Jan. 23. 36. Modern copy of part of the letter, of which the above is a minute.

Jan. 23. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Hippisley. To victual and keep the soldiers in order, detain them on shipboard, punish the disorderly, and spare the Hamburghers. The forces are not to move until further order. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 186.]

Jan. 23. London. The Same to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To the same purport. [*Ibid., p.* 187.]

Jan. 23. London. Buckingham to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To the same purport. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 23. Dover. 37. Edw. Clark to Buckingham. Finds great distraction amongst the officers, and confusion amongst the troops. Has persuaded Mansfeldt with difficulty to sail for the French coast, and try to induce some governor to allow him to land, but not to land in Flanders or Zealand, without the French horse. He would have sailed so at once, but for the farther orders staying him, which he received joyfully. He talks of going to Calais, to confer with the Duke of Chaunes, but he may not mean it; he is crafty, and has his own ends to answer; he promises much, but can perform little. There is no assurance beyond his word, of the arrival of the arms. By the help of Burlamachi, the Commissioners have settled a better order of victualling the army.

Jan. 23. Dover. 38. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sir Wm. Beecher. Will try to bring about the concession wished for by the Council [of War]; it is the best expedient for [Mansfeldt's] speedy despatch. Either he must be partially complied with, or the action on which the world's eye is turned will come to nought.

Jan. 23. Dover. 39. The Same to the Council. Will obey their directions in setting a fair value on the provisions to be taken out of the Hamburg ships, for the use of the troops. Count Mansfeldt will sail to-morrow towards France, and Sir Wm. St. Leger will go too, to see what passes.

Jan. 23. 3 P.M. Dover. 40. The Same to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt requires authority under the King's hand for his landing in France. He will go either, and demand a landing, or they will allow him, as instructed by Sir Wm. Beecher, to take his own way, and land at the Rammekens, to wait for the French horse, as the fleet could neither return to these coasts, where victuals are exhausted, nor ride off the coasts of France which would be unsafe. Disorders arise again among the soldiery, who break from the ships, and steal ashore. Wish extension of the power of martial law.

Jan. 23. 9 P.M. Dover. 41. The Same to the Same. Count Mansfeldt will not take the troops with him, but go first himself to confer with the Duke of Chaunes at Calais, concerning their landing in France. They cannot stay long in these parts, for want of victuals. The Count knows nothing what to do with the troops, for neither France nor the States will receive them, and it is feared the army will come to nothing. He cannot be depended on, and never says what he really thinks.

Jan. 24. London. 42. D. Carleton to Sir Dud. Carleton. Buckingham has received the marbles, which are in lighters at York House Stairs. He intends to make Sir Dudley Vice Chamberlain. He will compound with Sir Edw. Barrett, to whom the place is promised. Burlamachi is absent with Count Mansfeldt. [*Partly in cypher, decyphered.*]

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Jan. 24. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Different relation about the landing in the Low Countries. Marquis d'Effiat foresees that he cannot free himself and Ville-aux-clercs, touching the fault they would lay upon the Duke. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.*. 187.]

Jan. 24. Dover. 43. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Sends Fulnetby's accounts unopened, having no leisure to attend to them, but will do so when they are returned. Sends the seal of the castle. Wishes the furniture for the Lieutenant's lodging.

Jan. 25. 44. Note of black cloth given to the [Archbp. of Canterbury], for himself and six of his household, for the funeral of Lord Caron [Sir Noel de Caron].

Jan. 25. 45. Proceeding of the funeral of Sir Noel Caron, Ambassador Lieger of the States of the United Provinces, at Lambeth, on Jan. 25, 1625. With a sketch of "Count Mansfeldt's great Ancient."

Jan. 25. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Sydney Montague. Recommends Sir Edw. Greville, and a cause of his. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 188.

Jan. 25. London. The Same to the Mayor of Rochester. To be careful in pursuit of those that robbed the French courier. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to Phil. Burlamachi. Resolution for landing in Holland. He is to take care of provision of victuals, and may cast his eye on the Hamburghers, if needful. [*Ibid., p.* 187.]

Jan. 25. London. Buckingham to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To take care to keep the companies in order, and sustained with victuals. To inform Mansfeldt that if he have not a resolution to pass by France, the King will consent to his passage by the Low Countries. Shipping is to be provided for the French horse, at their own expense. They are to advertize what their necessities are, and to manage the time. The Hamburghers are to be used if necessary, but "as much with their good liking as may be." [*Ibid., p.* 188.]

Jan. 25. London. Sec. Conway to the Same. Enlarges in some points on the Duke's directions. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. London. The Same to the Same. Leaves it to their discretion to proceed to their declaration to Count Mansfeldt. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. Dover. 46. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Buckingham. Had inclined Mansfeldt to go over with the whole army to France, when his Grace's second directions for their stay arrived, at which he was pleased. The Hamburg ships contain no store of provision, and though pains are taken to settle the victualling, it will be difficult, the country being exhausted, except of corn.

Jan. 25. Dover. 47. The Same to Sec. Conway. Refer him to their letter to the Duke. Will do their best to put matters in a proper course.

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Jan. 25. Dover. 48. Edw. Clark to Buckingham. Considering the danger of the troops lying in an open road in winter, and the little money Burlamachi has left, approves of the order to land the army in Holland, especially because, as Mansfeldt has the management of it, his wishes should be consulted. The whole army is now shipped, and will be ready to sail on Saturday next. Is to go over to the Duke of Chaunes, to request leave for landing in France, or assurance that the French horse will be ready to join the troops, when they do land.

Jan. 26. Dover. 49. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Buckingham. The troops will be victualled, and all ready for sea, by Sunday. Count Mansfeldt still makes great difficulty about landing in France; have therefore agreed that, if he cannot obtain leave to land there, he may go another way, provided he can have security for the French horse to accompany him. Will not touch the Hamburghers' vessels or victuals, unless driven by necessity.

Jan. 26. Dover. 50. The Same to Sec. Conway. Burlamachi has about 5,000*l.* in his hands, which will victual the army for eight or ten days. The Count says there is no need to provide shipping and freight for the French. Will speak to him about the money to be paid by the French King for the troops, if they do not get away.

Jan. 26. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To persuade Mansfeldt either to land in France, or to declare on his honour, and sign a declaration, that it is impossible, and that the way of Holland is better. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 188.] *Incloses,*

1. *The Same to the English Colonels with Mansfeldt. Sends the declaration touching Mansfeldt's passage; they are in no other way to attempt anything against the King of Spain's dominions. They are permitted to go by Holland, but not to come near Breda. London, Jan.* 26. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 26. Newmarket. 51. Endymion Porter to his wife Olive. Has been ill of an ague, and purposes, if it continue, to come home.

Jan. 27. Plymouth. 52. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. New troubles are raised about Rochelle, by M. Soubise. Cannot compose the difference between Plymouth and Saltash, as to clearing the harbour of Catwater. Requests directions on his letter about the provisions, &c., which might be had from his country.

Jan. 27. 53. Request by Edw. Deering, of Faversham, that Buckingham will order the bill of Sir John Garrard, sen., and his son, Sir John Garrard, Bart., against himself, and Barbara, his wife, about the title to three acres of land in Faversham, to be dismissed to the Courts of the Cinque Ports.

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Jan. 27. Savoy. Nicholas to [Thos.] Fulnetby. Regrets the defective nature of his accounts, which do not specify the weight of the anchors, length of the cables, and size of the boats taken up for the Lord Admiral, nor by whom the prizes were valued. The Droit Gatherers ought to be checked in their accounts. Fears he will lose his place, unless he sends his accounts in better form. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 1.]

Jan. 27 ? The Same to [Sir John Hippisley]. Sends him Fulnetby's account, and wishes him to have it made more perfect, and then to issue warrants to the Mayors, &c. of places where the droits and wrecks remain, to have them honestly valued and sold. [*Ibid., p.* 3.]

Jan. 27. 54. Information, that —— Alexander said, in conversation on the Duke's intended journey to France, that the match would never be concluded; that the French Ambassador had told him as much; and that he and Sir Lewis Lewkenor had laid wagers against it.

Jan. ? 55. Estimate by the Navy Commissioners of the charge of the Navy for the year 1625. Total, 28,001*s.* 3*s.* 3*d.*

Jan. 27. 56. Assignment of 28,001*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, estimated expense of the Navy for the year 1625, upon certain portions of the revenue. With note from the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer to Sir Robt. Pye, to be careful that these moneys be not otherwise appropriated.

Jan. 27. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. To press Mansfeldt to depart, and to try a landing in France; St. Leger is to accompany him. To yield to the way by Holland, if more profitable and necessary. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 189.]

Jan. 27. London. The Same to Buckingham. Sends letters from Dover. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 28. Dover. 57. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. Think it important that the King's instructions be communicated to one of the most able colonels, to be by him imparted to the others, if necessary; were they now communicated, they would cause a great and sudden alteration. Hope there is sufficient money to clear the armament from the English coast.

Jan. 28. Dover. 58. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. Begs to be consulted before grants are made of the posts of the Clerk of the Castle, Clerk of the Passage, and Serjeant of the Admiralty, who are all sick; the whole life of the government depends on having in these situations men who understand their places. The complaints against the Mayor of Sandwich are just. Hopes soon to be rid of the soldiers.

Jan. 28. Brocklesby. 59. Sir Wm. Pelham to Sec. Conway. Requests his favour concerning the purchase from the Earl of Hertford of the reversion of the third part of Newsham, leased from the Earl's grandfather, for four lives. Holds the other two parts by inheritance. Doubts not that Sir Art. Ingram will perform what he has promised thereon.

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Jan. 28. Rochester. 60. Mayor of Rochester to Sec. Conway. Set a watch on Rochester Bridge, and ordered searches to be made for those guilty of the robbery on a French courier, within three miles of the city. He was wounded, and had 4*l.* and other things stolen, but after his wounds were drest, he proceeded with his letters. Two men are taken up on suspicion.

Jan. 28. 61. Release, by Geo. Hope, of St. Mary-le-Strand, Middlesex, of all bonds, actions, &c. which he has or ever had against Endymion Porter, Groom of the Prince's Bedchamber.

Jan. 28. Whitehall. 62. Petition of Capt. Rich. Gifford to the Council, for letters of marque for robbery of his ship, the Fortune, by Capt. Peter Cossen, of Rotterdam, for which, notwithstanding an Admiralty decision in his favour, he has never been able to obtain reparation. With reference thereon to the Lord Admiral.

Jan. 29. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Hen. Spiller. To suspend all proceedings against Beswick, a convicted recusant, till further orders. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 189.]

Jan. 29. Gray's Inn. 63. Sir Hen. Yelverton to Sec. Conway. Has persuaded Sir Thos. Thynne to be made a Viscount; his purse and estate will bear it; he may be brought to give 8,000*l.* Offers him to Conway if he thinks him worth the having; will raise "as much dust" as possible for him. Desires to be restored to the favour of Buckingham, being made unhappy by his six years' frowns; will rather withdraw into the country than remain under his dislike.

Jan. 29. 64. Statement by Jacob Jonson the diver, that the States and the late Lord Zouch allowed him two thirds of brass ordnance, and three fourths of iron ordnance, anchors, cables, &c., taken up by him; that he desires leave to export the ordnance, duty free, to the Low Countries, and also a certificate of its being wrecked goods, and will pay the Lord Warden ready money for his share.

[Jan.] 29. 65. Similar statement, with his offer to pay his Grace 12*l.* per ton on iron ordnance, &c. to save controversy.

Jan. 29. 66. Copy of the above.

Jan. 29. Dover. 67. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. Mr. Clark has returned with letters from the Duke of Chaunes, showing that it is impossible for Count Mansfeldt to land at Calais. It is decided, therefore, that he shall take the whole army to Rammekens, there to wait for the French horse, whom the Duke of Brunswick goes to receive. If this were not permitted, the troops would be in danger of dissolution, for want of means. If the instructions were given to all the colonels, it would lay the foundation of disobedience. One ship of war must stay to guard the Hamburghers, and the rest, with the Holland vessels, convoy the fleet, many Dunkirkers being abroad.

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Jan. 30. Dover. 68. Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger to Sec. Conway. The Duke of Brunswick sets out for France, to superintend the shipping of the French horse. The fleet will coast along in view of France, with Count Mansfeldt, who urges that the arms which he wrote for may be returned, as now not necessary, and the 2,000 fresh recruits stayed, till his business be better settled, as further deductions from his moneys would be hurtful. Cannot induce him to sign declarations on any points proposed, but only to discourse on them; have yielded to him, things being so far advanced, and the time so precious.

Jan. 30. London. Sec. Conway to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger. The declaration is to be trusted to some one of the colonels, and not to be published till some action is proposed to be undertaken contrary to its intention. They are to hasten away the troops, and when the French horse are joined, to consent to the landing in Holland. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 189.]

Jan. 30. Dissington. 69. High Sheriff of Northumberland to Sec. Conway. Sir Wm. Lambton being at his residence in Rufford, Nottinghamshire, and unable to come to Northumberland, ordered the four daughters of the late Sir Hen. Wodrington to be delivered to Sir Ephraim Wodrington, Lambton's uncle, which is done accordingly.

Jan. 30. London. Sec. Conway to Benj. Wyborne. The grant of two parts of his and his mother's lands is stayed, that he may contract with her if he thinks good. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 189.]

Jan. 30. Dover. 70. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. Is unjustly charged with not having delivered his accounts of the droits; has sent in duplicate copies, exactly made up, and has carefully attended to the Lord Warden's interests, &c. The Duke of Brunswick has sailed for France, and Count Mansfeldt, with 40 sail, has joined the ships in the Downs. They will make, with the French, a fleet of 300 sail.

Jan. 30. Dover Castle. 71. Thos. Benson to [the Same]. Private affairs. There is surprise that so many townsmen are made Commissioners of Passage, because, being interested in merchandise, they will connive with each other. Wm. Jones and Mr. Marsh are sick.

Jan. 31. Whitehall. 72. Wm. Lamplugh to [Rich.] Graham, Gentleman of the Horse to Buckingham. Wishes to be informed of the fresh complaint brought, by petition to the Duke, against him, in reference to his lighthouses. It has already been before Parliament, the Council, and the King, all of whom have cleared him.

Jan. 31. Saltash. 73. Mayor and Corporation of Saltash to Buckingham. The recovery of ships sunk in Catwater harbour has never before been required of them, and the expense of taking up the vessel now

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lost would be ruinous to the town. Plymouth is much more advantaged than Saltash by the harbour, but the Plymouth men refuse all proposals to have it done, leaving the right of payment to be afterwards decided. Request favour therein.

Jan. 31. Plymouth. 74. Mayor, &c. of Plymouth to Buckingham. The town is willing to assist in freeing the harbour of Catwater from the ship, but the town of Saltash, which receives all the profits of the harbour, pretends that it is not bound to clear it. The receipts of the harbour, above the rent paid to the Prince, would suffice for the expense. Plymouth makes little more use of the harbour than the Londoners or foreigners.

Jan. 31. Clerkenwell. 75. Lord Treas. Ley, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Carew, Master of the Ordnance, to the Officers of Customs at London, Lewes, and Rochester. The King, to prevent abuses in the transport of ordnance, has taken it into his own hands, and, by indenture of Nov. 2 last, authorizes Phil. Burlamachi and Phil. Jacobson, of London, to be his sole agents therein, on warrant from themselves that the ordnance can be spared. Order them therefore to permit Elias Tripp, of Amsterdam, to export 328 pieces of iron ordnance, made at his own charge, after each piece is marked with its weight and quality, and duly entered in the books of the Master of the Ordnance and Custom House officers, without any duty thereon, the Farmers of Customs to receive allowance therefor, by defalcation.

Jan. Clerkenwell. 76. [The Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer] to Robt. Treswell, Surveyor of Hampshire. Being informed of tenements lately erected without warrant, on the waste near Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight, require him to certify their yearly value, and the names of the tenants, that they may be put in charge, as usual. Ask his opinion as to demising them, or restraining further building there.

Jan. ? 77. Katherine Duchess of Lenox to Sec. Conway. Requests leave to pay her husband's debts, as he has left enough to pay them, and that what she has for herself may be free from any dishonourable restrictions.

Jan. 78. The Same to the Same. Understands the Archbp. of Canterbury and Lord Keeper have sent in a certificate about her business. Desires an interview with Conway.

Jan. 79. Sir John Coke to Buckingham. The King, though scarcely able to sign, has set his hand to the letter for the weekly sitting of the Commission for trade, to the warrant to the Lord Chief Justice to examine Lady Purbeck's business, and to the grant of the Lord Keeper's pension of 2,000 marks. He thinks the Lord Treasurer's request for stay of all pensions till the revenue be certified is unfitting, as causing great clamour amongst his servants; but he has ordered letters to be prepared, transferring to the Exchequer all payments on the Court of Wards.

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[Jan.] Hilary Term. 80. Request of Sir John Lambe, of Rothwell, Northamptonshire, to the King, that Thos. Courthope, of Cranbrooke, Kent, who was arrested for a debt to him of 1,000*l.*, and Jeremy Calden, of Cranbrooke, and others, who rescued Courthope from arrest, and violently assaulted his keeper, Jas. Merryfield, of London, may be summoned before the Star Chamber, to answer for their offences.

Jan.? 81. Petition of certain Scottish captains and officers to the King. Came over on hearing that two Scottish regiments were to be levied for the service in the Palatinate, under Count Mansfeldt; have abode four months in London, waiting his Majesty's pleasure, and are oppressed with want and famine. Desire that some relief may be given them in their extreme need, from the moneys to be paid to Mansfeldt, and some present succour.

Jan.? 82. Petition of Wm. Rankin, a Scot, to Buckingham. Was piloting a Spanish ship from Malaga to France, when they were boarded by Turkish pirates, who intended to conduct them to Barbary; but their pilot falling overboard, and storms arising, was requested by the pirates to conduct them to some port, and took them to Dublin; there, instead of having a reward for service, was thrown into prison for piracy, and the goods seized by Visct. Loftus, Chancellor and Deputy Admiral of Ireland. Was liberated, but requests compensation for losses, and reward for service. Annexing,

82. I. *Certificate, under the seal of the Admiralty of Ireland, of the acquittal of Wm. Rankin from a charge of piracy. Jan.* 11.

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Feb. 1. Savoy. Nicholas to Mr. Benbrik. Has procured for him the post of Clerk of the passage [at Rye]. Hopes he will be more faithful in the office than his predecessor, Mr. Gibbridge. Will only support him so long as he discharges his duties well, in these troublesome times. Enquires what sum is paid by the fishermen of Dieppe to the Governor, for their fishing licences. [*Nicholas' Lett. Bk., p.* 3.]

Feb. 1. Bramsell Park. 1. Lord Zouch to Nicholas. Is sorry to hear of disorders at Dover through the soldiers, who, after being shipped, compel their masters to put them on shore again. Is sorry the Duke is not satisfied with Fulnetby. Thinks him honest, and used to receive his accounts without examining them. Is so ill as scarcely to expect recovery. Wishes Genoa may not weary of aiding the King of Spain. Hopes the Duke will not think that he has over estimated the value of the wardenship. Details about officers of the Cinque Ports.

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Feb. 1. Dover. 2. Sir John Hippisley to Sec. Conway. Count Mansfeldt left the Downs yesterday with his armament. The Dunkirkers are waiting to intercept him.

Feb. 1. Bonaventure. Downs. 3. Capt. Thos. Love to Buckingham. Particulars of the cargo of the Hamburg ships, being copper, ship stores, provisions, &c. They entreat leave to pass on to Spain, whither they profess to be bound.

Feb. 1. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Geo. Paul. To discharge certain recusants' bonds, and take fresh ones, and not to leave the kingdom without consent of Council. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 191.]

Feb. 1. London. The Same to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. To give discharges to the Roman Catholics of rents, revenues, moneys received, bonds taken, lands or goods seized, &c. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 1. London. The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. Recommends a petition of Mr. Norton. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 2. London. The Same to Hen. Gibb. To move, at suit of Alex. Stuart, for a pardon for certain persons that bought stolen plate. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 2. London. The Same to the Earl of Annandale. Sends certain documents for signature. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 2. London. The Same to Buckingham. Sends abstracts of letters. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 2. [London.] 4. The Same to [the Same]. Count Mansfeldt went to sea, in confidence of being joined by the French cavalry, who have now reached him. The Council of War have put a stop to new projects and orations, and are to consider how to expedite matters. Has satisfied the French Ambassador, and the Roman Catholics who so importuned him. Three Hamburg merchant ships desire leave to come into the river for safety.

Feb. 2. 5. Copy of the above.

Feb. 2. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 191.]

Feb. 2. Plymouth. 6. Sir John Eliot to the Same. Has attended, with other gentlemen, about the removal of the ship sunk in the harbour of Catwater. Plymouth envies Saltash the privilege of the harbour fees, and will undertake to be the Prince's tenants therein. Saltash, fearing to refuse the charge, pretends that the precedent will trench upon the Prince's interests.

Feb. 2. 7. The Same to the Same. Has made a sale, with assistance of Mr. Hockmore and Sir Edw. Giles, of the rye in the vessel brought in by the Dutchman, but the ship, &c. remains unsold. Will ascertain the demands of the Dutchmen for their charges. *Incloses,*

7. I., II. *Appraisement by a jury, of the ship and lading brought in by the Dutchmen; with the price realized by the cargo, and an account of disbursements about the sale. Teignmouth, Jan.* 10. *Two copies.*

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Feb. 2. Plymouth. 8. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. Has detained a ship of Pomerania of 400 tons, with ordnance, bound for Spain, as it may be employed to our prejudice. Asks directions, since seven or eight more of the like are coming. The country earnestly desires liberty to vend fish, when the King has been served.

Feb. 2. Garland. Downs. 9. Sir Rich. Bingley to the Same. Attended Count Mansfeldt's fleet, with the King's ships, to Calais,—where the Count had a conference with the Duke of Brunswick,—and thence to within sight of Flushing. There were in his fleet 194 ships, small and great. He expected the French horse to join him on Friday, and the Holland men-of-war were sent to convoy them.

Feb. 2. 10. Petition of Wm. Burrell to the Same, to help him out of a vexatious partnership with Innocent Lanier, one of the King's Musicians, in taking up ballast out of the Thames. Has disbursed 1,850*l.* in engines, lighters, &c., but receives little benefit. Lanier caused great inconvenience to shipping, by cutting the ropes of his ballast engines, so that there was no ballast ready. Will sell him the business at a loss, but will no longer be partner with him.

Feb. 2. 11. Thos. Aylesbury to Nicholas. The Countess of Buckingham has moved the Duke to allow the ship Sea Horse to pass; not knowing whether he will consent, sends warrants both for its passing with its lading, and its putting in bonds to transport no fish, that the Duke may do as he pleases.

Feb. 2. 12. The Same to Mr. Harpur. Asks what to do with the letter for the East India Company, which the Duke signed in his coach. Has done all he can to satisfy them, but they are so distrustful that they may have sent already to the Downs.

Feb. 2. 13. Declaration by Buckingham to the Earl of Bristol, that his remarks in Parliament on the Earl were not made from malice, but from desire to serve the King; that he has repeated them in self-justification, because the Earl attacked him, but is willing to be reconciled, and will try to conciliate the King and Prince, if the Earl, seeing that his answers are not satisfactory, will freely subscribe certain propositions specified, confessing his regret for errors relative to his conduct in the Spanish match.

[Feb. 2.] 14. Draft of the above, in the third person.

[Feb. 2.] 15. Draft of a clause of the above [by Sec. Conway].

Feb. 3. Dorset Court. 16. Sir John Suckling to Buckingham. Begs that the affair of the petty farms may not die without profit to the King. Tottenham is richly worth the money; there is but 4,000*l.* to be paid at once, and breathing time allowed for the rest. The merchants trading to Newfoundland entreat that their ships may be released, after the King's officers have taken what fish they want for his ships, otherwise it will grow bad.

[Feb.] 3. 17. Phil. Burlamachi to Sec. Conway. Sends letters from the Duke of Brunswick to Buckingham. Mansfeldt was at anchor off Calais, Jan. 31, and left with a good wind. The Duke of Chaunes promised the cavalry; Dolbier waits for it at Calais. French.

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Feb. 3. London. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Sends extracts of letters from Sir D. Carleton, with observations about Count Mansfeldt, Amboyna, and Greenland, and a commission from the King of Bohemia to Mansfeldt, if His Majesty will avow it. A commission is to be signed to empower the Duke to grant letters of marque. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 191.]

Feb. 4. Newmarket. 18. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The King is pleased that Jeremy Brett shall have the forfeiture which he sues for, and commands that it be not granted to any other.

Feb. [4]. 19. Caveat, that no grant pass the Seals of the forfeiture of the estate of John Clavell, of Wotton Glanvile, co. Dorset, except to Jeremy Brett.

Feb. 4. Newmarket. Nicholas to Sir John Hippisley. Count Mansfeldt and his soldiers being at length gone, he may come up to town on his own business, if he leaves a sufficient deputy. Commends Mr. Willisford as the fittest man. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 4.]

Feb. 4. 20. Rich. Dike to Nicholas. Sends his Dover letters. Matt. De Quester promises to write to Holland about a diver.

Feb. 4. Norwich. 21. Justices of Norfolk to the Council. Have delivered to the deputy of Sir Allan Apsley 1,000 quarters of wheat, at 32*s.* the quarter, for the use of the Navy, although the Londoners pay 36*s.*

Feb. 5. Plymouth. 22. Mayor of Plymouth to the Same. The Orange Tree, of Amsterdam, sailed the day before the receipt of their letters.

Feb. 5. Grant to Rich. Owen of pardon for murder of Theobald Butler, done on a sudden quarrel at play. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 5. Grant to Sir Chas. Blount of pardon for manslaughter. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 5. Warrant to pay to Hen. Dodsworth, Yeoman Pricker of the Privy Buckhounds, allowance for wages and livery. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 5. London. Sec. Conway to Mr. Harris. To allot such a quarter of Suffolk House as may be most conveniently done, for the Earl of Suffolk. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 191.]

Feb. 5. London. The Same to Buckingham. Sends letters and extracts. Has prayed Sir Wm. St. Leger to have patience till the cavalry is shipped. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 5. London. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw a bill to Mr. Aston of Sir Wm. Beecher's resignation, promising to send him a warrant. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 5. London. The Same to the Bp. of Gloucester. For Mr. Throckmorton, a minister. [*Ibid., p.* 192.]

Feb. 5. London. The Same to the Archbp. of Canterbury. Recommends Mr. French as Master of Sutton's Hospital. [*Ibid.*]

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Feb. 6. Newmarket. 23. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The King approves of the King of Bohemia's commission to Count Mansfeldt. Hopes to hear a good account of the Fleet business.

Feb. 6. Theobalds. 24. Earl of Annandale to the Same. The Earl of Holderness wishes Edw. Ramsay to be joined with Lord Wallingford, instead of himself, in the holt patent, which the King had granted on their joint lives.

Feb. 6. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Art. Ingram. Commands him to keep his house till further orders. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 192.]

Feb. 6. London. The Same to Sir John Bourchier. To the same effect. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 6. 25. Acknowledgment by Sir Art. Ingram of the receipt of a letter from Sec. Conway, by Thos. Trussell, Messenger of the Chamber.

Feb. 6. 26. Similar acknowledgment from Sir John Bourchier.

Feb. 7. Lease to Gabriel Marsh of lands in Cheshire, of the rent of 25*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, on an increase of rental of 5*l.* [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant to pay to the Clerk of the Cheque of the Guard 450*l.*, for providing red cloth for their rich coats. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant to pay 667*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* to the Embroiderer of the said coats. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant to pay 2,926*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the goldsmith, for fine gold and silver, for spangles for the same. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant to pay 220*l.* to the tailor for making the same. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Warrant for delivery of 450 yards of velvet to the tailor, to gard the said coats. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 7. Newmarket. Proclamation for redress of the inveterate evil of killing, dressing, and eating flesh in Lent, or on fish days, forbidding licences to butchers, ordering victuallers, &c. to give sureties not to dress meat; none are to eat it without special licences from the Bishop, which are to be sparingly granted; fishmongers are also forbidden to increase the price of fish. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 128.]

Feb. 7. Bury. 27. [Bailiffs of Bury St. Edmunds] to the Council. Send a certificate of the names of 183 men, levied in the franchise of Bury St. Edmunds, and delivered to Wm. Haughton, Lieutenant to Capt. Carr. *Inclose,*

1. *Roll of names of the above soldiers.* [*Case C., James I., No.* 20.]

Feb. 7. Newmarket. 28. Earl of Annandale to Sec. Conway. Returns the bills, signed. Has told the King how Conway suffers by absence from

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him, and by the air of London. A bill is to be prepared for payment of 200*l.* to him (Annandale), in the usual form, for his Majesty's service.

Feb. 8. Newport. 29. Sir Edw. Denys and Sir John Oglander to Sec. Conway. The castles of Sandham, Carisbrooke, and Yarmouth most need repairs; Sandham will not stand another winter. Col. Ogle and the other surveyors have sent in an estimate of repairs. Will inform him what can be done for better government of the island. Recommend Mr. Jermin Richards, of Portsmouth, rather than Mr. Jennings, for a certain place.

Feb. 8. Newmarket. Nicholas to Thos. Aylesbury. Requests him to make inquiries upon, and draw up a fitting reply to, a request from the Bailiffs of Ipswich, in a matter, the granting of which will, the Lord Admiral fears, abridge the Vice Admiral's authority in those parts. Has failed to procure his Grace's warrant for release of the Ship Sea Horse, though the Countess of Buckingham several times requested it. The King's Solicitor at Dantzic complains that Jas. Bagg, Vice Admiral of Cornwall, has sold a ship of Dantzic to some Plymouth merchants, notwithstanding an Admiralty order to the contrary. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 5.] *Incloses,*

30. 1. *Bailiffs of Ipswich to Buckingham. Understand that Sir Lionel Tollemache, Bart., is ordered to take bonds of all ships in his Vice Admiralty. Ask whether they are to do the same. Most of the ships within their port trade to Newcastle or London, and make several voyages in the year. Inquire whether such vessels are included in the Orders of Council that all vessels of a certain tonnage are to put in bonds for their return, as it would be a very great trouble to them. Ipswich, Feb.* 3.

Feb. 31. Copy of the above inclosure.

Feb. 8. 32. Edw. Eustace to Sec. Conway. Has long been an interpreter between the chief Irish at the Court of Spain and the Spanish Council, but, becoming suspected, was banished, after cruel imprisonment. Has tried to break up the Irish regiment, on which the Spaniards much rely, and is willing for this object to neglect his private interests, and go to Flanders for a few weeks, the danger being imminent.

Feb. 8. London. Sec. Conway to the Earl Marshal. Informs him of the difference between Sir Art. Ingram and Sir John Bourchier. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 192.]

Feb. 9. London. The Same to Buckingham. To Mansfeldt's demands for restitution of the money for 2,000 muskets restored, and for two "moneths," answer was given that the first should be done; for the other, the King would take as should be fit for his honour, and the importance of the cause. [*Ibid.*]

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Feb. 9. London. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. For Thos. Barker. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 9. London. The Same to Sir John Coke. For Widow Mann. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 9. London. The Same to Buckingham. The fleet will be put in readiness, on a proportion of six months' victuals, capable to receive supply. The resultat concerning the Persian trade is sent, with observations thereon. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 9. Newmarket. 33. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. The King wishes Lords Carlisle and Holland to see his letter to the French King, that they may know what he writes. Has written to Sir Geo. Goring.

Feb. 9. Cowes Castle. 34. Ant. Ersfield to [Wm.] Wilde, Secretary to Conway. Knew not that his honour (Conway) was Vice Admiral of Hampshire. Asks whether he should come to town to obtain confirmation of the patents he had from the Earl of Southampton, for the deputyship of the Admiralty, and for Cowes Castle.

Feb. 9. 35. Order to the Clerk of the Signet to draw a bill prefixed, for the King's signature, for payment of 5,421*l.*, expenses of setting forth the Seven Stars, Charles, Moon, and Desire, to be victualled for ten months, for a voyage to Persia.

Feb. 10. Westminster. 36. The King to Lord Keeper Lincoln. To set the seal to a commission in form specified, authorizing Lord Admiral Buckingham to grant letters of marque and reprisal to such merchants as have been injured at sea by the Spanish Netherlanders or the Hollanders, other means of obtaining just restitution having failed.

Feb. Sign manual of the above-named commission, dated Feb. 6. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 7.]

Feb. Docquet of the above commission, dated Feb. 12. [*Docquet, Feb.* 12.]

Feb. 10. Warrant to advance to the Surveyor of marine victuals, 9,694*l.* 10*s.*, for victualling 1,600 men, to serve in 20 merchant ships, to be taken up to attend the King's fleet for six months, and to the Treasurer of the Navy 2,430*l.*, for present supply of the said ships, and 11,660*l.* at the end of the service, according to an estimate by the Lord Admiral and Navy Commissioners. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 10. Warrant to advance to the Paymaster of the Works 300*l.*, and other sums as required, not exceeding 2,600*l.*, towards repairs of Dover Castle, and addition of new buildings there. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 10. Grant to John Duncombe and Hen. Colbron, in reversion after Sir Wm. Hervey, now Lord Hervey, of the office of Remembrancer of First Fruits and Tenths in the Exchequer, which reversion, formerly granted in trust for Edmund Hunt, deceased, has become void, because his son sold it. [*Docquet.*]

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Feb. 10. Grant to the Earl of Annandale of the canonry and manor of Langley, and other lands, cos. Northumberland and Durham, formerly granted to Sir Geo. Selby and others, at the nomination of the Earl, on rental of 795*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, with release to Selby and his partners of their Michaelmas rent. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 10. Warrant to pay to Sir Edw. Baynton 200*l.*, for work done in Bowewood Park, co. Wilts. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 10. Grant to Rich. Bella[sys ?] of protection for a year. Damaged. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 10. Chelsea. 37. Earl of Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Fears the Lord Steward is incensing the King against him, and pressing for an extent on his lands. Will pawn or sell at disadvantage what he has, to give his Majesty satisfaction and raise the 20,000*l.*, but it will be to his ruin. Begs Conway's influence with the Duke in his behalf.

Feb. 10. Clerkenwell. 38. Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Same. Request that a bill sent for signature may be endorsed with an order to pass it by immediate warrant.

Feb. 10. London. Sec. Conway to Sir Art. Ingram. Takes off the restraint laid on him. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 193.]

Feb. 10. London. The Same to Sir John Bourchier. To the same effect. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 11. London. The Same to Buckingham. An express is sent to France. The quantities and proportions of all things are agreed on. There remains only to know how the 36,000*l.* will be taken up, on the credit of the Council of War. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 11. Chelsea. 39. Earl of Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Is ready to sign the writings for the manor of Luddington. Is urged to clear himself with the King, but cannot without the Duke's influence; will obey his Grace's commands at once, in order to be delivered from the Lord Steward who tramples on his adversity, and from the constant clamours of creditors. Urges Conway to stay in town till this business is ended.

Feb. 11. Whitehall. 40. The Council to Sir Rich. Bingley. Are petitioned for release of the 41 Hamburg ships stayed in the Downs; 39 of them, laden with copper and free merchandise, may depart, but the two laden with powder, masts, &c., are to be brought into the Thames, till further orders.

Feb. 11. 41. [Buckingham] to the Lord Chief Justice. Is dissauded from seeking the commitment of Sir Robt. Howard and Lady Purbeck, by the King, who thinks it should be seen that the matter is conducted by justice and not favour. Requests him to communicate thereon with Innocent Lanier, who is much trusted by his

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brother Purbeck; will not otherwise be able to keep his brother with him; and if he leaves, Sir Robert and Lady Purbeck, by their crafty insinuations, will draw from him speeches to their advantage.

Feb. 11. London. 42. Chamberlain to Carleton. Recommends to him the bearer, Hen. Fanshaw, who wishes to follow the wars, although having a good place in his late father and now brother's office.

Feb. 12. London. 43. The Same to [the Same]. Is glad to come to any end of his Chancery suit, gaining 400*l.* out of 567*l.* Affair of Lady Purbeck. Death of Lady Montague, the Lord President's daughter-in-law; of Sir Thos. Fowler, and Sir Wm. Clarke; of the Archbp. of Armagh, who will be succeeded by Dr. Usher, Bp. of Meath, as will Justice Winch by Serjeant Croke. Sir Randall Crew is made Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, the appointment being delayed that the Lord Treasurer may have the dividend and benefit of this term. Sir John Suckling is to resign, for 5,000*l.*, to Sir John Butler, his place of Comptroller [of the Household], which cost him 7,000*l.* Sec. Conway has not been at Court since the King went away; he is soon to be ennobled. Sir Albert Morton is at Newmarket, and is sworn in, Sec. Calvert giving him the seals for 6,000*l.* and an Irish barony, either for himself, or any on whom he likes to bestow it. Young Hungerford is made a baron by paying, this being the true "golden age."

Feb. 12. 44. Locke to [the Same]. On the 9th, Sir Albert Morton had the seals delivered to him, and was sworn Secretary. The King, on presenting them, spoke well of Sir Hen. Wotton, who had bred him up to service, and who is now provided for in part, and said that he was now wishful to do something for Carleton, Trumbull, and Beecher. As to the concealed lands, though, by inquisition, a good proportion is discovered, the Commissioners will not return them into the Exchequer, because those to whom they belong not having been called to answer, they fear disgrace in Parliament. The Earl of Dorset in vain attempted to urge them on, at request of a poor woman who has a share in the grant. Sec. Calvert retains his place as Privy Councillor, and is made Baron Baltimore in Ireland.

Feb. 12. 45. [Sec. Conway] to the Deputy Lieutenants of the Isle of Wight. To give an exact account whether the tenements newly erected near Cowes Castle injure the fortifications, and are fit to be demolished, or may be continued without hazard; also what sort of tenements they are, and whether within his patent, as Captain of the Island, to lease or dispose of. *Inclosss,*

45. I. *Lord Treas. Ley and Sir Rich. Weston to Sec. Conway. Request to be certified whether the tenements lately erected on the King's waste ground near Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight, are prejudicial to the Castle; if so, they must be pulled down; if not, put in charge in the Exchequer, to increase the revenue. Clerkenwell, Feb.* 6.

Feb. 12. 46. Sir Thos. Shirley to Sec. Conway. Requests to have the keeping of the park in the Isle of Wight, not as matter of profit,

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but being old and infirm, and living in a troublesome place, wishes the conveniency of the house, which is quiet. Will content any servant to whom Conway might have intended to give it.

Feb. 12. Grant to Lawrence Lownds of the office of Comptroller of the Petty Customs in the port of London, on decease of Barth. Elnor, and surrender of Rich. Cheyney. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. Grant to Lady Mary Wroth and her sureties of protection for a year. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. Grant to Mary Gargrave and her sureties of protection for a year. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. Grant to Thos. Browne of an almsroom in Trinity College, Cambridge. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. Grant to Chris. Spelworth of an almsroom in St. Peter's, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. Grant to Clement Halsie of an almsroom in Peterborough. [*Docquet.*]

Feb. 12. London. 47. Sir John Coke to Nicholas. Is glad of the Duke's commission to grant letters of reprisal. The articles to be agreed on must be carefully drawn up, and, being a matter of state, should hardly be left to the Navy Commissioners. The Judge of the Admiralty must prepare the commissions. The Lord Admiral's profits are a tenth of what is taken, which should be valued on oath, and inventoried by a faithful officer in the several ports, especially Plymouth. Jas. Bagg will seek the post. Another, who wants it, was guilty of delivering too soon the warrant to stay the Dutch East India ships.

Feb. 12. London. 48. The Same to Buckingham. The [East India] merchants had sent to urge Sir Rich. Bingley to seize the Holland ships, before arrival of the warrant, which is now sent, with cautions for its discreet use. The new propositions of the Council of War to divide the fleet are impracticable and expensive. The shipowners cannot take up provisions at any reasonable rates on credit, nor on assurance from the Council of War, for all the credit of the Prince's Council would have failed to raise 20,000*l.* for Mansfeldt, if Burlamachi had not taken up 12,500*l.* on his own credit, and the rest is still unprovided; therefore the Council of War will never raise 36,000*l.* without aid of some one of credit on the exchange. The French Ambassador claims the King's promise of one Royal ship and seven merchant vessels of 500 tons, but there are not so many of that tonnage in the Thames, and such as there are, are wanted for the fleet. *Annexes,*

48. 1. *Answer* [*by the Same*] *to the demands of the Council of War, giving an estimate of the expense of manning* 20 *merchant ships of* 300 *tons, and* 50 *Newcastle ships*

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of 220 *tons, and providing them with victuals for six months, for* 2,700 *seamen, and for* 10,000 *landsmen, to be transported in them; with expense of ordnance, coat, conduct, and imprest money, &c. Total,* 170,000*l. Feb.* 10.

Feb. 12. 49. Sir John Suckling to Buckingham. The Commissioners of trade highly extol his care to prevent the sale of English ships, munition, or fish, to the Spaniards; but they think that as to the fish, the King of Spain, if not supplied by us, will be so by other nations; whilst the trade to Newfoundland, so advantageous to shipping, will be injured by this restraint on sale. The King of Spain might retaliate by forbidding the import of our woollen goods, which would be a great loss, and we should also lose more than they, by not selling the fish. The Earl of Dorset waits his pleasure about the purchase of Tottenham manor; advises him thereto. The Earl wonders that the Lord Treasurer does not borrow money for the King from rich Smith, the usurer.

Feb. 13. Inner Temple. 50. Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Sends an abstract of examinations taken by the Lord Chief Justice, Justices Dodderidge and Hutton, the Attorney General, and himself. Sent some time before papers, for lack of attention to which the King's service suffers. Is injured by want of his warrant for the Rolls. *Incloses,*

50. 1. *Abstracts of examinations of* 19 *witnesses, relative to Lady Purbeck's secretly giving birth to a son; to improper intercourse between her and Sir Robt. Howard; and to her visiting Lambe in prison, to procure charms from him.*

Feb. 13. Exeter. 51. Sir John Eliot to the Same. Has held sessions for trial of the Turks, so much complained of, 23 in number, some of whom have been seven or eight years in prison, and also of two others specified, making 25 in all; 20 are found guilty, and sentenced to execution, and 5 reprieved for reasons specified. Complaints of injuries done to our merchants by the Spaniards, who profess that they act under authority. *Incloses,*

51. 1. *Calendar of the prisoners tried before Sir John Eliot, at the Admiralty Sessions. Exeter, Feb.* 10. *Latin.*

Feb. 13. [Newmarket.] 52. [Buckingham] to the Lord Chief Justice. Begs that his sister Purbeck, the foulness of whose offence is clearly proved, may be removed from the Prince's house, which is defiled by her presence, and where by her subtilty she still works on her husband, to some fitting prison, the King having ceased to wish her treating with respect: also that Sir Robt. Howard be removed from custody of an alderman, and sent to prison. Is very anxious to have the matter fully prosecuted.

Feb. 13. Draft of the above. [*Dom. Corresp., Feb.* 11.]

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Feb. 13. 53. Thos. Aylesbury to Nicholas. Sends for signature an answer relative to the business of Ipswich, and certain other papers. The Dantzic ship was stayed for piracy, and sold as forfeited to the Lord Admiral, after which some came to claim it. *Incloses,*

53. I. [*The Same to the Same.*] *Observes on the letter of the Bailiffs of Ipswich to Buckingham* [*No.* 30. I.], *that the directions of Council were given to the Judge of the Admiralty Court, and by them to the Vice Admirals; that if the bailiffs of Ipswich or of any other town be appointed to such an office, it would be an acknowledgment of their Admiralty jurisdiction, and injurious to the Lord Admiral's officers; that ships sailing from port to port should not be troubled with bonds, except once for all. The Ipswich bailiffs, in asking this appointment, seek both power and profit. The Admiralty Judge has commissioned Sir Lionel Tollemache to execute his orders as well at Ipswich as elsewhere, in order to see whether they will oppose him.*

Feb. 13. Westminster College. 54. Lord Keeper Lincoln to Sec. Conway. Will send for any of the officers of the Archbp. of York complained of as too eager against Catholics, and privately warn them of the King's wish for discreet behaviour during his present negociations. Desires a particular warrant, if his Majesty wishes him to commend the judges to moderation, and will do it with as little noise as possible. Has been so careful that no real cause of complaint has been given, but those who haunt the [French] Ambassador are mere beggarly rascals. His Excellency should be cautious not to favour the Jesuits, who are enemies to all kings.

Feb. 14. 55. Phil. Burlamachi to the Same. Sends a little money. Tilly's troops are ready to leave Frankfort, and the States will have their work, if God and good neighbours do not assist them. Intreats that the Prince will provide the rest of the 20,000*l.* The warrant for the artillery should be hastened. French.

Feb. 14. Whitehall. 56. Council of War to the Same. Send a letter drawn up after his directions, for the Prince. Request him to sign, seal, and deliver it. *Inclose,*

56. I. *The Same to the Prince of Wales. His Council consenting to engage themselves for the last* 20,000*l. required by Count Mansfeldt,* 12,500*l. was taken up with the assistance of Burlamachi; but he declares his credit will not suffice to raise the remaining* 7,500*l., for want of which Count Mansfeldt's companies are in great want, and likely to break up. Request him to consider how so great a mischief may be prevented. Whitehall, Feb.* [14].

Feb. 14. Dover Castle. 57. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Official matters. Some persons, committed to the castle for disobeying the Lieutenant, have discovered matters against Sir Rich. Bingley. Hears nothing of the Lieutenant's leaving his place, except from some speeches that passed between him and Sir John Lidcott.

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Feb. 14. 58. Relation of a sea fight of four English and four Dutch ships, against eight Portuguese, in the Gulf of Persia.

Feb. 14. Ipswich. 59. Bailiffs of Ipswich to the Council. There are no gentlemen residing there contrary to proclamation, except Ant. Penning and John Stratton, both of whom are ill.

Feb. 14. 60. Articles set down by Council, for merchants whose ships and goods have been taken by the Spanish Netherlanders, or by the Hollanders, and who have letters of marque from the Lord Admiral; viz., that after proving their losses, they may take reprisal on the ships of the offending people, and no others, bring the ships thus taken into port, and submit to an Admiralty Court, by adjudication of which they may receive the amount of their losses, and the rest be returned to the owner, &c.

Feb. 15. 61. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Incloses a letter to Lord Annandale, &c. John Chapman, who came from Constantinople with letters, desires his despatch.

Feb. 15. Chelsea. 62. Earl of Middlesex to the Same. The Lord Steward and Chancellor [of the Exchequer] have met about his offers, and will make a good certificate for him, but the Lord Steward urges either immediate payment of the 20,000*l.*, or an extent on his lands. Intreats Conway's influence with Buckingham, not to suffer him and his posterity to be utterly ruined, &c.

Feb. 15. Garland. Downs. 63. Sir Rich. Bingley to Buckingham. Has been prevented by the foul weather from staying in Calais road, to escort the French troops: three of their vessels were cast away. Three ships are wrecked in the Downs. Has delayed to obey a command of Council for release of the Hamburg vessels, because it was not signed by his Grace. Asks directions.

Feb. 16. 64. Commissioners of the Navy to the Same. Report on the petition of the widow of John Man, that her husband, though twice appointed one of the six Masters of the Navy, missed the place; that no pay can therefore be claimed on his behalf, and a pension for the widow must be left to the King's goodness.

Feb. 16. Newmarket. 65. [Buckingham] to Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath. Thanks for their pains about Lady Purbeck's business, but hoped they would have discovered more. If Lambe be allowed to get off by saying he was only juggling, and Frodsham by saying that he wished to be thought a juggler, the truth can never be known; Lambe has hitherto, by such shifts, mocked the world and preserved himself. Asks what can be done about obtaining his brother's speedy divorce.

Feb. 16. Newmarket. 66. [The Same] to Sol. Gen. Heath. The King has signed the warrants, but those for Sir Hugh Middleton, the East India merchants, and the soap business are to be detained, that the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer may be acquainted therewith.

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Has persuaded His Majesty to yield to his (Heath's) suit, though not in the form he expects. Wishes Lady Purbeck's crimes aggravating, in order that she may be in prison before the return to town, else his brother will not be kept from her, and she will draw from him something to his disadvantage. Thinks Lambe would confess much, if dealt with by fear of punishment. Innocent Lanier is to be present at all that passes thereon.

Feb. 17. Newmarket. 67. Sec. Conway to Sol. Gen. Heath. To prepare a bill for a pension of 200 marks per ann. to Mungay Murray, for good services, especially for bringing the first news of the Prince's safe arrival from Spain.

Feb. 17. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 193.]

Feb. 17. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Pres. Mandeville. To give the usual warrants of assistance to Lord Mountjoy, for raising a troop of horse voluntaries for the States. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

Feb. 17. Newmarket. The Same to the Earl of Middlesex. The Duke can give no answer to his propositions, till he has communicated them to the Lord Steward. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 17. 68. Hen. Earl of Kent to the Council. Has levied 200 able-bodied men in Bedfordshire, and delivered 100 each, with 30*l.* conduct money, to the Lieutenants of Captains Cromwell and Lane. *Incloses,*

I. *Indenture of delivery of* 100 *soldiers to Hen. Tilier, Lieutenant of Capt. Cromwell; with list of their names. Biggleswade, Dec.* 16. [*Case C., James I., No.* 38.]

II. *Duplicate of the above.* [*Ibid., No.* 39.]

III. *Like indenture, and list of* 100 *soldiers, delivered to Fras. Loe, Lieutenant to Capt. Lane.* [*Ibid., No.* 40.]

IV. *Duplicate of the above.* [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

Feb. 17. 69. Capt. Thos. Wilbraham to [Buckingham]. Has been prevented by weather from attending the Duke of Brunswick from Calais to the Low Countries. Many vessels have been lost in the late tempests.

Feb. 17. [Dover.] 70. Fras. Willisford to Sir John Hippisley. A Scottish ship, laden with Nantes wines, left at sea with no living thing on board, has with difficulty been rescued. The common course is, that being a "*Find-all,*" the ship and goods are the Lord Warden's, unless he choose to compound with the owners, should they apply. Particulars of other wrecks.

Feb. 17. Dover Castle. 71. Thos. Benson to [Nicholas]. Further particulars of the Scottish ship and others wrecked.

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Feb. 18. Salisbury House. 1. Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Conway. Desires renewal of his commission of lieutenancy, with John Carleton as Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, in place of Sir John Cotton, whom he succeeds in his estate.

Feb. 18. Whitehall. 2. The Council to Capt. Charles Price. Order him to receive 150 men, levied in cos. Radnor and Brecon, for the service in Ireland, and to escort them to Bristol by March 20, and thence to Waterford; 4*s.* a week per man is to be paid him for the 50 not of his own company.

Feb. 18. 3. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Sends a pass for John Dinely, servant to the Queen of Bohemia, who is to take back some things prepared for her here.

Feb. 18. Garland. 4. Sir Rich. Bingley to Buckingham. Details great damage done to the shipping in the late storm. The Garland is so much injured that she must be repaired or changed, but the other ships can proceed, to waft over the French troops.

Feb. 19 ? [Buckingham to Sir John Hippisley ?]. Requests him to look after certain vessels stranded in the late storm, and take care that they are not plundered by the inhabitants, nor the fees due to him, as Warden of the Cinque Ports, embezzled. [*Dom. Corresp., Feb.* 21.]

Feb. 19 Dover. 5. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. The ship abandoned as a wreck, and laden with Nantes wines, is worth 700*l.* or 800*l.* Much damage done by the late storm; other goods are found, and brought on shore. Most of the shipping in Dunkirk harbour was spoiled.

Feb. 19. The Savoy. 6. Sir Thos. Stafford to Sec. Conway. Severe illness of Lord Chichester. Prays that in case he die, Buckingham would bestow on him his foot company, or 25 of his horse, to make his own horse company, now the meanest in Ireland, into 50.

Feb. 19. Denmark House. 7. Innocent Lanier to Buckingham. Finds that the Attorney and Solicitor General have altered their opinion about sending Sir Robt. Howard to the Fleet. They much desire his Grace's return to town, and are busy in examining witnesses. Lady [Purbeck] was dismayed by the Lord Chief Justice's letter. *Incloses,*

7. I. *Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath to the Same. Have consulted with Sir Hen. Marten on Lady Purbeck's business, and think the best plan would be to have the case brought before the High Commission Court, which can sit without delay, in the vacation, and when the crime is proved there, the divorce can be obtained by ordinary law. Think it unadvisable to send the culprits to prison, as it is unusual for persons of their rank; but advise that they be confined in the houses of aldermen, where, in fact, they would probably be more closely restrained then in prison. Serjeants' Inn, Feb.* 19.

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Feb. 19 ? [Buckingham] to Att. Gen. Coventry and Sol. Gen. Heath. Thanks them for their counsel concerning the imprisonment of Sir Robt. Howard, and is satisfied with it; they are to do their utmost to discover the truth, and meanwhile, his family being nearly linked to that of Sir Robert, he wishes no undue severity in the prosecution. Has entreated the King to let the law take its course, and not to show any favour in the business. [*Dom. Corresp., Feb.* 21, 1625.]

Feb. 19. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Ley. To order the pension of 120*l.* a year, held by Sir Wm. Button, as Assistant Master of Ceremonies, to be transferred to Sir John Finet, till his reversion shall fall in. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 194.]

Feb. 19. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Chamb. Pembroke. Informs him of the directions of the preceding letter. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 19. Newmarket. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley. For a Privy] Seal for 12,000*l.*, as the King's free gift, to the Earls of Carlisle and Holland. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 19. Newmarket. The Same to Sec. Morton. End of Sir Wm. St. Leger's employment. Requests him to deliver a letter to the French Ambassador, with that to the Archbp. of York concerning Catholics, and to receive a note from the Ambassador. [*Ibid., p.* 193.]

Feb. 20. 8. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Told the French Ambassador, that he has in hand the letter to the Archbp. of York, for which the Ambassador has so long sued, and will despatch it, on condition of his signing a note presented to him; this he steadily refused, on the grounds that no time is fixed for the favour and exemption to Catholics mentioned in the note; that his word is as good as his signature; that Ambassadors have a power of protection; and that he will not sign anything which could diminish the promise formerly made to himself, and M. Ville-aux-clercs.

Feb. 20. Little Britain. 9. John Sutton to the Same. The Earl and Countess of Middlesex have sealed the lease, but the Earl excepts against a clause in another deed, which conferred on Conway any other lands he may hold in Luddington, Dodwell, and Drayton, as well as those bought from Sir Robt. Cotton; on which the deed was altered, and is now sealed. Money affairs.

Feb. 20. 10. Essex Lady Cheek to the Same. Begs the next reversion of a prebend at Windsor for her husband's nephew, the son of Mr. Mole who is in prison in the Inquisition at Rome.

Feb. 20. Newmarket. 11. Sec. Conway to Lieut.-Col. Sir Edw. Conway. Family affairs. Wishes to know in what state of mind his [Sec. Conway's] brother died. Has been in such a drudgery of business, as to be obliged to refuse Sir Fras. Popham's invitation to be at the christening of his [Sir Edward's] son at Littlecote. Hears that Lord Chichester is dead. There will be a blessed army for the

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Palatinate, unless the obstinacy of the States in refusing satisfaction about Amboyna and Greenland compel us to turn our arms upon them. The King's ships are ordered to convey the French horse, which are to join Mansfeldt.

Feb. 20. 12. Certificate of Wm. Piers, Dean of Peterborough, John Weston, and Thos. Iles, Principal of Hart Hall, Oxford, that John Hardy has been a careful student of Greek, at Oxford, for many years, is very skilful therein, and worthy of promotion. Latin.

Feb. 20. 13. Certificate of Thos. Iles, Principal of Hart Hall, and others, to the pious and sober life of John Hardy, and his conformity to the English church. Latin.

Feb. ? 14. Proposals by Wm. Gomeldon to work the mines in Cardiganshire, excepting such as are worked by Sir Hugh Middleton, yielding the King 30*s.* per ton on the ore found, after the first six months. If the mines were freely worked on these terms, they might bring in 100,000*l.* yearly, instead of 20*l.* now paid. They have been worked, both in ancient and modern times, and were not discovered by Sir Hugh Middleton.

Feb. 21. 15. Confirmation to Sir Hugh Middleton, Bart., of the lease made to him by the Governor, &c. of the Company of Mines Royal of London, of all the mines in Cardiganshire, in recompence for his industry in bringing a new river into London; also prolonging his lease, and granting him authority to take up workmen; with provisos for compensation to those whose lands are damaged by mining, and for bringing all the silver obtained from the mines to the Mint.

Feb. 21. 16. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. The ship at Teignmouth should be presently sold, or it will fall to pieces. Inquires the time of Buckingham's journey, wishing to attend him.

Feb. 21. 17. [Buckingham] to the Commissioners of the Navy. To give orders for repair of the ship Garland, which has been run into by other vessels.

Feb. 21. Dover. 18. Wm. Leonard to Nicholas. Particulars of anchors and cables found in the Downs and in Dover road, and taken for the Lord Warden. Peter Dibb forbids his meddling in these matters. Asks directions.

Feb. 21. Dover Castle. 19. Thos. Benson to the Same. Wrecks at Deal and thereabouts; the goods are mostly got in by Sir Rich. Bingley; complaints are made about it by the people.

Feb. 21. Deal Castle. 20. Thos. Fulnetby to the Same. Particulars of goods saved from ships cast away in the late storm.

Feb. 21. Deal. 21. John Clark to the Same. Sir Rich. Bingley ill treats him, when about the Lord Warden's business.

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Feb. 21. 22. Locke to Carleton. The Pope's dispensation having arrived, the Duke will hasten to France. The Persian business, so long in hand, is likely to go on. 2,250 soldiers are to go to Ireland on March 20. The East India Company have ordered Greenbury, a painter, to paint a detailed picture of all the tortures inflicted on the English at Amboyna, and would have had it all acted in a play, but the Council was appealed to by the Dutch ministers, and stopped it, for fear of disturbance this Shrovetide. Lord Chichester died on the 19th.

Feb. 21. 23. Petition of the free tenants of Week-est-Wesk to Sir Jas. Fullerton, Master of the Prince's Court of Wards and Liveries, against fines lately exacted from them, for not doing suit at the common court instead of the courts of the manor. With reference and report thereon.

Feb. 21. 24. Certificate of expenses of Rich. Scutt, Groom of the Chamber, in riding post from Newmarket to Newhall, and thence to London. Total, 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

Feb. 21. 25. Bill of John Pennyall, Messenger of the Chamber, for the expenses of bringing up John Hackett and Rich. Greene, from Creeton, Lincolnshire, for their lodging, from Aug. 17, 1623, to Feb. 18, 1624, and sundry other expenses. Total, 70*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

Feb. 21. Newmarket. 26. [Sec. Conway ?] to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber. Warrant for payment of 35*l.* to John Pennyall, for his expenses in bringing up John Hackett and Rich. Greene, and for their diet, lodging, &c.

Feb. 21. Chelsea. 27. Earl of Middlesex to Sec. Conway. Must submit with patience to his sufferings. The Lord Steward prosecutes him to extremity, for payment of the 20,000*l.* required by the King for his fine. Will have to part with 30,000*l.* worth of his best land to raise it thus suddenly, but must do it, to avoid the tears of his wife and mother, and the turning of them all out of doors by the King's extent. Unless the Duke interferes, the ruin of his family is inevitable, as he is determined to raise the money at any loss, and so pressed by creditors, that he would rather be in his grave than endure it. Fears the Duke has pledged himself to the Lord Steward not to solicit in his behalf; grieves less at his ruin than at his estrangement, by misinformation of villains, from the Duke. Begs that when his money is paid, he may have a pardon of the rest of his censure.

Feb. 22. 28. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Middlesex. The Duke has read every word of his letter, and has no desire to distress his wife and children, but will speak to [Lord Steward] Hamilton on the subject.

Feb. 22. Clerkenwell. 29. Lord Treas. Ley to Sec. Conway. Sends for signature Privy Seals for repayment to two persons, for the behoof of recusants, of sums paid in by them, and for the delivery of their bonds; these will suffice for the present, but will need renewal. Forwards a certificate,

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on the alum business, the result of much labour with Sir Art. Ingram, and requests a warrant, either to conclude the contract, or prosecute the law. Sends also a report on the pardon of Phil. Morris and Rich. Chaloner, tenants to Lord Robartes of the iron works in the Forest of Dean. Has given orders for export of 1,000 quarters of oats for the Duke of Brunswick, duty free, and for defalcation thereon to the Farmers of Customs.

[Feb.] 22. 30. Godfrey Bodt to the King. Understands His Majesty is suffering from the gout; has a certain remedy, which will not only cure it, but prevent its returning. Begs him to try it, and asks no reward till it is proved successful. French.

Feb. 22. 31. The King to the Master and Fellows of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. Requests permission for Sam. Balconquall to be absent for some time in foreign parts, and meanwhile to enjoy all benefits and allowances of his fellowship.

Feb. 23. 32. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. The French Ambassador is so impatient for the despatch of the business touching the Catholics, that if he receives no speedy reply to his letters, he will set off to Court.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. 33. Lord Chamb. Pembroke to the Same. Thinks the King has acted graciously towards Sir John Finet, to admit him to Sir Wm. Button's place, and well for himself, to extinguish the fee of Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, on decease of Sir Lewis Lewkenor.

Feb. 23. King's Bench Prison. 34. Thos. Phelippes, the Decipherer, to the Same. Has had patience for six weeks, under the obloquy and misery of this filthy place. The Venetian Ambassador has played a dishonourable trick on him. Was requested a few months ago to decipher a letter, which proved to be from the Seignory of Venice to their Ambassador in the Low Countries; many others had been opened and copied, and were waiting till some one could decipher them. Imparted the key to a friend, and this being communicated to the Venetian Lieger here, was forced to treat with him thereon, and is now intolerably injured by him. Would never have concealed the business, had it concerned the State. Refused 1,000*l.* offered him for suppressing the discovery of the design on the Palatinate, and 1,000 marks a year offered him to go abroad. Wishes to devote his abilities to his country. Has failed to purchase his liberty, and is deprived of his papers.

Feb. 23. Newport. 35. Sir Edw. Denys and Sir John Oglander to the Same. There are a few cottages within forty or fifty yards of Cowes Castle which may be considered prejudicial to the fortifications, but the rest are a quarter of a mile off, and therefore without the compass of Conway's patent.

Feb. 23. London. 36. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. The wines are challenged for the King. A rich Hamburgher is cast away in the Downs, but Sir Rich. Bingley has no desire for it to come into the ports. The

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pinnace that Sir Richard would fain make into a pirate, has been given to him (Hippisley) by his uncle. Asks for letters of marque, and will then set her out, and hopes to reap a good profit for his lord.

Feb. 23. Cowes Castle. 37. Ant. Ersfield to Mr. Wilde. Wishes a reply as to whether to wait on [Sec. Conway] for renewal of his patents.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. 38. The Council to Capt. Chas. Price. Authorize him to press a drummer for his company, for Ireland, so many being taken up for Count Mansfeldt that the Irish service is likely to be prejudiced.

Feb 23. 39. Narration made by the Bp. of Exeter [to Council] of a controversy between Mr. Perryman, Master of the Grammar School of Exeter, and the authorities of the town, who refused to grant him redress of abuses inflicted on his scholars by some young people of the city, and requested, without sufficient cause, leave to employ another schoolmaster, which he (the Bishop) refused, as the present school-house and schoolmaster are sufficient for many more pupils than attend.

Feb. 23. Newmarket. Sec. Conway to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. To pay soon to Mr. Below 1,000*l.* of the arrears of the Duke of Holstein's pension, and to fix a certain day for payment of the rest. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 196.]

Feb. 23. Newmarket. The Same to the Earl of Exeter. To accommodate the Duchess of Lenox with his house in the Strand. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 23. Chesterford Park. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley. To order a bill for transferring Mr. Carr's grant of the reversion of the post fines to Visct. Andover. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Chesterford Park. The Same to the Same. Alum business, and warrant for custom of oats for [the Duke of] Brunswick deferred. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Chesterford Park. The Same to Buckingham. Letters from France. The Prince intimates to the Earl of Carlisle that he should by no means come over. Alum business. Lord Robartes. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Chesterford Park. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To have some deer-stealers, who are returned from the Low Countries, sought for and sent to prison. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. Chesterford Park. The Same to Sir Robt. Shirley. Sends a warrant to the Clerk of the Signet, to draw the Privy Seal for preparing the pinnaces for Persia. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 24. 40. Indenture of lease between John Stringer, of London, and Mary his wife, administratrix of Rich. Batt, deceased, and Hum. Woodall, of London, of certain rooms in a house at Lambert Hill, Old Fish Street, connected with Stringer's shop, and formerly belonging to Rich. Batt.

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Feb. 25. 41. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. The diver is dissatisfied with the allowance made him on certain goods. Vindicates himself from faults in his accounts, relative to the allowances on cables, anchors, and ordnance saved. Misconduct of Sir Rich. Bingley, in preventing the Lord Warden's officers from taking up his goods. Hears there are two candidates for his own place [Serjeant of the Admiralty], and would gladly dispose of it for a good sum that would keep him in his sickness.

Feb. 25. Canterbury. 42. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. Advises him to send a Commission for the Judge of the Admiralty to hold a Court at Canterbury. Recommends him to draw to that Court as much business as he can, since it is free of expense for him, and the expenses in other Courts are heavy.

Feb. 25. Whitehall. 43. The Council to the Lieutenants of Counties. Lord Willoughby, Sir Edw. Cecil, and other colonels and captains, both of the old and new troops in service of the States, are wishful to replenish their numbers, weakened by lying in the field all winter. They are therefore to be allowed to beat their drums for volunteers, and to be assisted in their levies; all who, after receiving their money, run away, are to be imprisoned till they submit.

Feb. 25. 44. Commissioners for Trade to Sec. Conway. Sends for signature books of incorporation for the new draperies, for cos. Hertford, Essex, Middlesex, Berks, Devon, Dorset, and Salop, considering that such incorporations will encourage the manufacture of woollen goods. Sends 150*l.* to be given to those who have drawn up these long books.

Feb. 25. St. Leonard's, Newark-upon-Trent. 45. Earl of Exeter to the Same. There is no charity in helping the Duchess of Richmond, because, though a widow, she is not in necessity; she has refused Arundel House and Dorset House. His own sons-in-law are placed for convenience in his house, one of whom [the Earl of Oxford] is the 18th Earl of his line and Great Chamberlain of England, and the other, Lord Grey of Groby, has a good title to be Marquis of Dorset. Would have been glad to comply with the King's request; but before its receipt, had, at request of the Earl of Montgomery, proposed terms on which he is willing to let his house to the Duchess, and, when the writings are finished, will put her in possession.

Feb. 25. Chesterford Park. 46. Sec. Conway to the Earl of Suffolk. His Majesty is pleased, at his request, to make Mr. Carleton a Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. *Incloses,*

46. 1. *The Same to Lord Keeper Lincoln. For John Carleton, who succeeds Sir John Cotton in his estate, to succeed him also as a Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.*

Feb. 25. Minute of the above letter to the Lord Keeper. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 196.]

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Feb. 25. Chesterford Park. Sec. Conway to Buckingham. Coming of Gondomar, with advice upon it. Sir Wm. St. Leger's instructions are sent; the King's question upon them. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 196.]

Feb. 25. Chesterford Park. The Same to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. To order a grant to Sir Thos. Monson, of the enfranchising the copyholders of Wakefield, Yorkshire. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 26. The Same to Sec. Morton. Sends certain pieces. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 26. London. 47. Chamberlain to [Carleton]. Death of Lord Belfast; his Irish estates go to his youngest brother, Sir Edm. Chichester. Lady Purbeck and her young son, and Sir Robt. Howard, are committed to custody; she is said to have worked on her husband with powders and potions, and to have tried the same on Buckingham: this is confessed by one Lambe, a notorious rascal, condemned for a rape last summer, and before that arraigned for witchcraft. Lady Hatton stoops to ask help from her lord Coke, in this business; she complained so much about her bargain with the Duchess of Richmond for Hatton House, that the Duchess has taken her at her word, and left it on her hands, whereby she loses 1,500*l.* a year, and 6,000*l.* fine. Mansfeldt's troops are half starved. We are sadly fallen in the esteem of other nations, or the chief instrument of such notorious cruelties [in Amboyna] would not be permitted to walk up and down Amsterdam unpunished. Letters of marque are given against the [Dutch] East India Company, but policy may make our men forbear; the Dutch have lost their best friends here. Wilkinson has printed a sermon, with a bitter preface, against them, and a play is written on the Amboyna business, and also a large picture of it made for the East India Company, but both are suppressed by Council, and a watch of 800 men set to keep all quiet on Shrove Tuesday. Parliament is to be held on March 15. Sir Geo. Calvert, now Lord Baltimore, is gone into the north with Sir Tobie Matthew, which confirms the report that he is a bird of that feather. Sir Thos. Wentworth, of Yorkshire, has married the Earl of Clare's younger daughter. Gondomar has sent a man of his own, with a packet to the King, who latterly receives and reads all despatches from abroad. Lord Bristol is coming to town, having taken Sir Thos. Watson's house in Westminster, though common report assigned him another lodging; but it is said the King will reconcile him to the Prince and Duke. Posts run between here and France, but no conclusion is made, the dispensation being clogged with unreasonable conditions.

Feb. 27. 48. Commissioners for Trade to Sec. Conway. Walter Morrall, a person of great skill and experience in the manufacture of woollen commodities, has been of great service in the recent in corporations, and is to go down to give advice about their operation. Recommend that for his past and future services, he should have a pension of 40*l.* per ann. out of the customs of the port of Exeter, he being a Devonshire man.

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Feb. 27. Royston. 49. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. Has attended the King and French Ambassador, from 8 A.M. to 11 P.M.; there was much discourse, but little fruit. His Majesty showed much wisdom and sweetness, and the Prince had opportunity to do gallantly. The King smartly reprimanded Capt. Seaton, and made stout and kingly speeches on the new articles. His Majesty has received Gondomar's letter, but believes nothing. Thinks Sir Dud. Carleton should not have leave to return till the businesses of Amboyna, of Sir Wm. St. Leger, and of Mansfeldt's troops, be settled.

Feb. 27. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 197.]

Feb. 28. Royston. The Same to the Same. How the explanations are to be disposed of, and what direction is to be given to the Ambassadors in France. [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 28. Royston. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley. For a warrant for 100*l.* to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger, 20*l.* to Edw. Clark, and 80*l.* to Sir Wm. St. Leger. [*Ibid. See March* 3.]

Feb. 28. Court. 50. Buckingham to Capt. Thos. Love, of the Bonaventure. Charges him to observe the directions of Council, for staying and seizing the ships of the Hollanders who intrude on the Greenland fishery. *Incloses,*

50. I. *The Council to Buckingham. The King having failed to obtain redress for wrongs committed by the Hollanders in* 1618, *against the Muscovy Company in Greenland, he is to put in readiness as many ships as may be necessary, to seize the shipping and goods of the Hollanders who intrude on that fishery. Whitehall, Jan.* 22.

Feb. 28. Court. 51. Buckingham to Sir Rich. Bingley, Captain of the Garland. To the same effect.

Feb. 28. Court. 52. The Same to Capt. Thos. Wilbraham, of the Mary Rose. To the same effect.

Feb. 28. Westminster. 53. John Packer to Sec. Conway. Sends a note to meet him at Theobalds. *Incloses,*

53. I. *Note of Sir Thos. Stafford's desire to have either Lord Belfast's Irish company, or* 25 *of his horse.*

Feb. 28. The Court. 54. The King to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Requires them to deliver certain reprieved prisoners in Newgate to Capt. Hen. Theobalds, to serve as soldiers in the Low Countries, and by their good conduct to redeem their former faults, and purchase their pardon. *Incloses,*

54. I. *Sir Heneage Finch to the King. Gives the names and offences of nine prisoners in Newgate who have been convicted and reprieved, as fit to serve his Majesty beyond the seas. Parties are now found who are willing to employ them abroad. Feb.* 28.

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Feb. 28. Dover Castle. 55. Thos. Benson to Nicholas. Transactions about the sale and purchase of Gunners' places at Dover. The ship with wines is not likely to prove a wreck, for there was a dog alive in her. Wrecks have been numerous, but the goods are raked aboard the King's ship by Sir Rich. Bingley, who sells them there.

Feb. 28. Port Eliot. 56. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. Is hindered in his duties, by a report that the north division of his Vice Admiralty has been resumed from him, and promised to the Earl of Bath. Thinks it a mistake, as it is in his patent, with an exception only for the lifetime of the old Earl of Bath. Hopes the good opinion of his services is not lessened.

Feb. 28. 57. Thos. Fulnetby to Sir John Hippisley. Two more ships are aground. Violence offered by Sir Rich. Bingley to the Lord Warden's officers. Damaged.

[Feb.] 58. Statement, that, in a certain dispute between the Earl of Holderness and Lord Brooke and Sir Hatton Farmer, Sir Wm. Cockayne, and Sir John Coke were appointed mediators, but that as they could not attend at once, Sir Hatton took unfair advantage, by proceeding with the suit at law between them, when the counsel on the other side were unprepared; the judge, however, refused to decide, until a compromise had been attempted.

Feb. ? Grant to Art. Robinson, of Deighton, co. York, of pardon for all felonies, except murder, &c. Latin. [*Two Drafts. Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *Nos.* 8, 9.]

Feb. ? Warrant to Lord Keeper Lincoln and others, not to pass any grants of office, lands, &c., in Ireland or England, without notifying the same to the Lord Treasurer and other great officers. [*Ibid., No.* 10.]

Feb. 59. Promise by the King, at intercession of the Duke of Buckingham, of the reversion of the Mastership of the Rolls, to Sir Robt. Heath, on surrender thereof by Sir Hen. Wotton.

Feb. ? 60. Capt. Oliver St. John to [Buckingham?]. Requests to have the command, as Vice Admiral, of the Phœnix, which is going to sea along with the Antelope, commanded by Sir Thos. Button as Admiral. [*See Sept.* 5, 1626.]

Feb. 61. Petition of John Harvey to Buckingham, for an answer to his numerous petitions about his project for setting up a light on the Godwin Sands; if it be accepted, he begs to have some allowance for its support, and, if refused, to be admitted as his Grace's servant, till some small place in his gift can be conferred on him, in compensation for his labour and expense.

Feb. ? 62. Petition of Capt. Walter Neale to the King, for a grant of 2,000 decayed trees in the New Forest, in lieu of a month's pay, amounting to 460*l.*, due to his company, engaged in Count Mansfeldt's expedition.

Feb. ? 63. Alphabetical memoranda, letters C to F, part of a book, on leases and tenures of various lands, messuages, and tenements within the county of Oxford, 1—22 James I.; written on the blank side of

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1625. a draft of pleadings in a suit between Valentine Mortoft and Chas. Kniveton, relative to lands and premises at Loughton, in Buckinghamshire.

Feb.? 64. Statement of the case of John Berry and Thos. Fulnetby v. Jacob Brames, for failing to produce his accounts for a voyage in which they were joint adventurers; with arguments why the case should not be transferred, as requested by Berry, from the Chancery Court of Dover to the Exchequer.

Feb.? 65. Petition of the Eastland Merchants to the Council, for protection against —— Stone and others, who, by importing flax on false pretences, injure their trade.

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March 1. [Theobalds.] 1. [Sec. Conway] to Buckingham. Read his letter to the King, who was startled at Mr. Montague's employment. His Majesty is glad his Grace is well, and hopes to see him to-morrow, to make him laugh as he promises. He was pleased with the French King's letter. Will write Sir Wm. St. Leger's despatch, and has got a warrant for his moneys.

March 1. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 198.]

March 1. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To prepare a bill for a pension of 200*l.* a year to Hen. Gibb, on surrender of the same by Sir Thos. Somerset. [*Minute, Ibid.*]

March 1. London. 2. Petition of Rich. Weever to the Council, for payment of a debt due to him for 10 years past from Lord Abergavenny, which is increased by interest from 70*l.* to 177*l.* With reference thereon to Lord Abergavenny.

March 2. Drury Lane. 3. Katherine Duchess of Lenox to Sec. Conway. Is at a loss with some unexpected articles received from the Attorney General. Is willing to refrain from meddling with her eldest daughter's portion, to pay all the debts, and to do nothing with the plate but of free will when she dies. Will insure or sell the [wardship of the] Earl of Kildare to any that will insure portions to her two younger daughters, the money to be placed in trust for their benefit. Will place in the hands of trustees appointed by the King, 2,000*l.* a-year of the alnage money, for the use of her four younger sons, retaining herself any surplus. Will give up the armour for her [eldest] son, but will keep the George and Garter for him, until his Majesty is pleased to honour him with that dignity.

March 2. Inner Temple. 4. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Same. Has drawn conveyances of the manor of Buckworth. There are differences between the certificate sent for his guidance and the Duchess of Lenox's wishes. The alnage profits were to have been absolutely made over for

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her four younger sons. The Earl of Kildare's wardship was to have provided for one of the younger daughters by the marriage of the ward, and for the other by the profits of his lands. The plate was to be left to the Duke, on her death or re-marriage, but she does not like to hear of the latter, &c.

March 2. Theobalds. 5. Sir Fras. Cottington to Att. Gen. Coventry. The Prince wishes him to be careful that the new market to be held at Waltham Cross be not appointed for a Saturday; the inhabitants of Hertford, who are his tenants, having petitioned against it, and the King having approved their petition.

March 2. Savoy. 6. Lord Carew to Sir John Coke. Has sent Mr. Evelyn to attend the Commissioners of the Navy. If the East India Company erect powder mills, it will open a flood gate, and diminish the King's profit, as he receives a poundage on all powder made by Evelyn.

March 2. 7. Nich. Stone to Lord Carew. The kingdom is likely to be much injured, by foreign agents coming over to entice away, at any price, the best workmen employed in casting ordnance for his Majesty's service, that they may make ordnance beyond sea. Has lost one of his own workmen, and fears to lose more. Asks a warrant to stay them, and to imprison the agent sent to seduce them. *Incloses,*

7. 1. *Rich. Homs to John Voygons. Requests him to induce certain workmen to come to him abroad, to help in his trade of making good guns. Andevile in Maine, Feb.* 9.

March 2. Savoy. Nicholas to Sir John Hippisley. Requests him to send all records bearing upon the extent of the Admiralty jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports; believes it to be from the Shoe-beacon in Essex to Rednore in Sussex, but the Admiralty Court in London wish to judge on matters of wrecks in the Downs, and deny the Lord Warden's right to floating wrecks, unless they are near enough to land to be reached on horseback. The cause is now to be finally determined. Hopes to prove the Lord Warden rights, &c. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 6.]

March 2. Dover Castle. 8. Sir John Hippisley to [Nicholas]. Sir Rich. Bingley has made an agreement with his shipmaster to take up the Hamburg ship for a quarter of the profits, which will amount to 10,000*l.* Sir Richard takes up many anchors and cables of which he gives no account. An Admiralty Court is much needed to protect the Lord Warden's profits. Sir Geo. Newman can produce records to prove that all goods taken within 100 miles out at sea belong to the Warden. Details of wrecks, &c.. Will take care of his lord's profits. *Incloses,*

8. 1. *The Same to* [*Buckingham*]. *Of similar tenor. Has blamed Sir Rich. Bingleg for his conduct. Cannot bear to see the abuses committed against the Duke's profit. Asks directions.*

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March 3. Chelsea. 9. Earl of Middlesex to Sec. Conway. As it has pleased God to take away the Lord Steward, who was the chief fomenter and maintainer of the misunderstanding between himself and Buckingham, begs Conway to renew the attempts which failed before, to mediate for his reconciliation with the Duke.

March 3. Westminster College. 10. Lord Keeper Lincoln to [the Same]. To amend a small oversight in the King's proclamation for proroguing the Parliament.

March 3. Lambeth. 11. Archbp. Abbot to Sir John Coke. Recommends that Sir Sigismund Zinzan and Sir John Shelley should try their cause in the Star Chamber, since what one affirms the other denies, and without swearing of witnesses, the truth cannot be found.

March 3. Rome. 12. Account of an air gun, newly invented by an engineer of Fountaines, price 40 crowns.

March 3. Westminster. Warrant for payment of 100*l.* to Sir John Ogle and Sir Wm. St. Leger, for their charges as Commissioners at Dover for despatch of the troops under Count Mansfeldt; of 20*l.* to Edw. Clark for missions to Calais; and of 80*l.* to Sir Wm. Leger, about to be sent to the Prince of Orange. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 12.]

March. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet, March* 5.]

March 4. Little Britain. 13. Sec. Conway to the Commissioners [for Trade]. Has acquainted the King with their proceedings relative to the great and advantageous work of the new drapery; returns the corporations signed; their request that Mr. Morrall may be recompensed shall be considered.

March 4. 14. Bill of Sir Lewis Lewkenor for coaches for and attendance on the Marquis d'Effiat, Extraordinary Ambassador from France, since Jan. 12; total, 234*l.*

March 4. Barnstaple. 15. Mayor of Barnstaple to the Council. Has taken up shipping, as ordered, for transport of 600 soldiers, assigned to rendezvous at that port for Youghal.

March 4. London. Nicholas to Sir John Hippisley. The sunk goods of the Hamburg ship lost in the Downs are to be preserved and brought on shore as soon as possible, and not disposed of without the Lord Admiral's directions. Letters of marque are about to be issued, but cannot obtain one for Mr. Burley, till he proves the wrongs inflicted on him by the Spaniards of the Low Countries. An Admiralty Court is to be held on a vessel supposed to be a pirate ship. As to prize goods, care is to be taken of the Lord Admiral's profits, and also that the unfortunate do not lose more than is taken lawfully, the savers sometimes embezzling more than the sea swallows up. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 8.]

March 4. Wallingford House. The Same to Sir Rich. Bingley. The Lord Admiral has received a complaint of his abuse of office, in hindering the officers of the Cinque Ports from performing their duties, and

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taking into his own ship wrecked goods found floating on the sea. Advises him to diligence in aiding to land within the ports any goods that can be saved from the wrecked Hamburg ship, that he may thus redeem his Grace's favour. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 9.]

March 4. Dover Castle. 16. Sir John Hippisley to Nicholas. Sir Geo. Newman says that the ship derelict, having a dog alive in her, does not belong to the Lord Warden, but to the owners, on their paying their best anchor and cable. Particulars of other wrecks. Sir Rich. Bingley is sorry for what he has done, and will meddle no more with the Cinque Ports. *Incloses,*

16. I. *Bill of lading of goods aboard the Golden Rose, of Hamburg, bound for St. Lucar, in Spain. March* 4.

March 4. London. Sec. Conway to Lord Keeper Lincoln. For sequestration of certain lands for the Earl of Ormond. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 198.]

March 4. London. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To draw a bill for the reversion of an Auditor's place in the Court of Wards, for Charles Maynard, on resignation of Sir Wm. Beecher. [*Ibid.*]

March 4. London. The Same to the Earl of Cork. Recommends moderation concerning Sir Wm. Powell. [*Ibid.*]

March 4. London. [The King] to Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Recommends Walter Morrall for a recompence for his pains in the business of the new draperies. [*Ibid., p.* 199]

March 5. London. Sec. Conway to Lord Pres. Mandeville. Informs him of this recommendation. [*Ibid.*]

March 5. 17. Note of the distribution of 4*l.* [to the servants of Archbp. Abbot], at the consecration of Dr. Godfrey Goodman, Bp. of Gloucester.

March 5. Southampton. 18. Mayor of Southampton and others to the Council. Have forbidden all the ships bound for Newfoundland, except those gone before the order arrived, to set sail before April 1, but the merchants and owners say that such an order will be ruinous to their trade, and petition against it.

March 5. Hague. 19. Sir Fras. Nethersole to [Sec. Conway]. Renews his suit [to succeed Sir Dud. Carleton as Ambassador in Holland] if he be made Vice Chamberlain. The Queen of Bohemia has also written in his favour to Sec. Morton.

March 5. Westminster. Warrant to advance 33*l.* to John Levingston, the King's servant, Keeper of the Middle Park, at Eltham, for provision of hay for the deer. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 13.]

March 5. Westminster. Grant to Sir Chas. Howard, of the office of Steward of Redrith and Bailiff and Collector of Oatlands, and other places, co. Surrey, lately held by the Earl of Nottingham deceased. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 14.]

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March 5. Westminster. Grant to Dr. Walter Balconquall, the King's Chaplain, of the Deanery of Rochester, void by promotion of Godfrey Goodman to the bishopric of Gloucester. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 15.]

March 6. 20. Petition of Arch. Nichols, and others wronged by the inhabitants of the Spanish Netherlands, to Buckingham, that having failed in their efforts to obtain any redress in the Court of the Archduchess at Brussels, they may receive the benefit of the King's commission, authorizing the grant of letters of reprisal.

March 6 ? 21. [Deputy Lieutenants of Wiltshire] to the Earl of Pembroke, Lord Lieutenant. The constables of two divisions of the county were obliged, by the commands or threats of Sir Walter Vaughan and Sir Thos. Sadler, to advance 200*l.* for expenses of levy of soldiers, their apparel, &c., and they cannot obtain the promised repayment of the money; more men were pressed than were actually taken; money was exacted from many, and there was much buying and selling of poor men, which has caused great noise in the country. Request that a course may be taken for speedy restitution of the moneys advanced. *Incloses,*

21. I. *Examinations of* 39 *men of Wiltshire, who were pressed for soldiers, but released, on payment of sums varying from* 40*s.* *to* 5*s.* 6*d.* *each, to the servants of Sir Thos. Sadler and others. March* 4.

21. II. *Statement by the Constables of the several hundreds, as to the number of men levied by each, according to warrant, of which not half were taken into service, and of the expenses thus incurred, payment for which was promised. March* 4.

March 6. Savoy. Nicholas to Sir John Hippisley. Is surprised that the bill of lading of the Hamburg ship only shows her value at 4,000*l.*, whereas she was reported worth 40,000*l.*; care is to be taken of the goods. Directions about other ships. If the vessel laden with wines had a living dog in her, yet the Lord Warden should have a third or fourth of the goods saved. Requests proofs of the Warden's Admiralty rights in the Cinque Ports. The Droit Gatherers' accounts should be more perfect. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 10.]

March 6. Deal. 22. Sir Rich. Bingley to [Nicholas]. Sir John Hippisley's complaint of him is untrue. Has never hindered the Port's officers, nor taken anything but what was recovered from the water. Sir John promises to withdraw his complaint. The wind will not permit the work on the Hamburg wreck to proceed, &c.

March 6. Westminster. Warrant for explanation of a former grant to the Earl of Holderness for enfranchising copyhold estates, that it shall extend to copyholds by decree or commission, and that to avoid dismembering the manors where they lie, the whole manors may be granted to him, on surrender of lands of like value. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 16.]

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March 6 ? 23. Buckingham to Sec. Conway. Begs him to read the inclosed, which is long and written with "blind ink," to the best of masters, before the Ambassador has audience. Gondomar is on his way.

March 6. London. Sec. Conway to the Ear of Annandale. Sends Gondomar's safe conduct for signature. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 199.]

March 6. London. The Same to Buckingham. The Persian Ambassador languishes for his despatch, but despairs of it without the Duke's assistance. [*Ibid.*]

March 7. London. The Same to the Bp. of London. Recommends the accommodation of Mr. Alport's election to Clerkenwell benefice with the parishioners. [*Ibid.*]

March 7. Horsley. 24. Countess of Southampton to Sec. Conway. Hears that he has ordered all the soldiers of Carisbrooke Castle to be resident. Recommends Thos. Barham, a servant of her late husband, who was formerly allowed to be absent, but is now willing to serve in person.

March 7. Canterbury. 25. Sir Geo. Newman to Nicholas. Will require a further power than is specified in the Lord Warden's commission to him, as Judge of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, such as he had from the Earl of Northampton, but which was not needed in the time of Lord Zouch, because his lordship generally sat with him in the court. Doubts not being able to vindicate the claim of the Ports to Admiralty rights, when Mr. Marsh, who has charge of the records, is better. The case was to have been heard in the Earl of Nottingham's time, but the Earl failed to attend, and never disturbed them afterwards.

March ? 26. Proofs from records of the rights possessed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports to Admiralty jurisdiction in the Ports.

March 7. 27. Request made to the King and Buckingham, by the owners of a patent granted to the late Lord Admiral Nottingham, for measuring coals, corn, and salt, and sold by him to them, that as they have no longer his protection in its exercise, they may surrender it on receipt of half the benefit, or farm it out for 4,000*l.* a year, and that the King will signify to Parliament his resumption of it. Indorsed [by Nicholas], "Capt. Bell, for the measuring of corn, cole, and salt."

March 7. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Wm. Russell 2,250*l.*, for interest of 30,000*l.* advanced by him as the King's free gift to Buckingham, on security of the great customs, and of 250*l.* as his Majesty's free gift to Russell. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 17.]

March 8. 28. Petition of the Levant merchants to Buckingham, to mediate with the King, that Sir Thos. Roe, who desires to return, on expiration of his embassy at Constantinople in December next, may be retained there for two years longer, his removal being inconvenient, on account of the turbulent state of the country, and his sufficiency in defence of the Company so well known.

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March 8. Cambridge. 29. Dr. John Mansell, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge, to Sir John Coke. Thanks for his care of their suit to the Lord Treasurer. Requests him to see the money paid to the Lord of Exeter, till the accounts are made up. Authorizes him to receive the moneys due to the preachers before His Majesty, at Royston and Newmarket.

March 8. Dover Castle. 30. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. The former bill of lading of the Hamburgher was for a wrong vessel. This one lies at Deal, and can be got to shore for 100*l.*, and payment to the savers, and is worth 100,000*l.* Sir Rich. Bingley no longer claims the quarter of it.

March 8. Dover. 31. The Same to Nicholas. To the same effect, with official details of other wrecks, &c.

March 9. Whitehall. 32. The Council to Buckingham. The Antelope, which was to repair to the Irish coasts, is to go at once, in order to convoy the munition to be sent to Limerick and Dublin, the seas being so much infested by pirates.

March 9. Plymouth. 33. Mayor of Plymouth to the Council. Found but five English mariners in the Dutch ships, and they unfit for the King's service, because of an infectious sickness among them, which had induced all their other English mariners to leave them. Fifteen sail of Dutch ships have just departed.

March 9. Plymouth. 34. The Same to the Same. Has stayed the ships going for Newfoundland, till April; but the masters complain that they and the poor sailors will be undone, as they usually sail in the beginning of March, and are all ready.

March 9. London. 35. John Forbes to Sec. Conway. Is poor, and sick, and weary, and begs earnestly for a despatch of his business, which concerns the glory of God and the welfare of the King's subjects abroad,—the ministers,—who beg his toleration to do what good they can, though not after the manner in which he would have it done.

March 9. 36. Copy of the above.

March 9. Hereford. 37. Sir Wm. Croft to Mr. Bowles. Names the terms on which a Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, is willing to resign, in favour of Mr. Bowles' son Edward.

March 9. Newmarket. 38. John Packer to Carleton. Is sorry his lord [Conway] has not replied to Carleton's letters, but hopes he will not run into arrears so much, now that another secretary is appointed, who will attend the King in his journeys.

March 9. London. Sec. Conway to the Archbp. of Canterbury. To discharge from prison [John] Tapper, detained for religion, as the French Ambassador is informed. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 199.]

March 9. London. The Same to the Mayor, &c. of Rochester. To use extraordinary care in the business of those that robbed the French post. [*Ibid., p.* 200.]

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March 9. Westminster. Grant to John Phillipps of the fine of 100 marks, imposed upon Wm. Calcot, alias Hughes, and of 90*l.* from sundry other forfeitures, the grant being transferred to him by Lawrence Hopkins and John Barrett. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 18.]

March 9. London. Sec. Conway to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sends two bills for the Duchess of Lenox. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 200.]

March 9. 39. Receipt by Att. Gen. Coventry from Sec. Conway, of parchments containing a grant to the Duchess of Lenox of 3,000*l.*, with 350*l.* arrears, and 2,100*l.* pension, and to the Duke of a pension of 1,400*l.* for 21 years, and 700*l.* gift.

March 10. Westminster. Grant to Catherine Duchess of Lenox of 3,350*l.*, towards the payment of her husband's debts; also an annuity of 2,100*l.* for her life, and for the lives of her two sons, James, now Duke of Lenox, and Lord Hen. Stuart, all payable from the Court of Wards. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 19.]

March 10. Westminster. Grant to Jas. Duke of Lenox of a pension of 1,400*l.* per ann., for 21 years, together with a gift of 700*l.*, to be paid at once. [*Ibid., No.* 20.]

March 10. Theobalds. 40. Dud. Carleton to [Sir D. Carleton]. Hears that Sir Wm. St. Leger and Mansfeldt's affairs will delay Carleton's journey to England. Buckingham's credit is involved in Carleton's promotion [as Vice Chamberlain]. The animosity between his Grace and the present incumbent [Bristol] is such that one must fall without a speedy reconciliation, which can only be effected by the Duke triumphing and the other submitting, which he absolutely refuses. Would be glad to succeed Sir Fras. Nethersole, if he be appointed Carleton's successor. Gondomar is on his way. The fleet is advancing well.

March 10. Clerkenwell. 41. Lord Treas. Ley and Sir Rich. Weston to Buckingham. By the Privy Seals for payment of 94,000*l.* and 24,000*l.* for the fleet, of which 37,000*l.* must be paid before it can sail, of 30,000*l.* as gift to his Grace, 30,000*l.* loan returned to Sir Wm. Russell, and 12,000*l.* for the French embassy, the entire revenue is taken up to Christmas twelvemonths, so that nothing remains for the household, &c.; beg the King's directions thereon.

March 10? Nicholas to [Sir John Hippisley]. The Duke thinks it unfit to release the Hamburg ship, as it was stayed by order from Council. The goods are to be inventoried, and his Grace to be informed what composition the owners offer for salvage. The Dunkirk ships, laden with lead, are still to be stayed, by warrant from Council. Directions for other prize goods. Sir Rich. Bingley's men, being on one of the King's ships, are to be punished in the Admiralty Court of London, for refusing to deliver up wrecked goods. The Lord Admiral is to grant letters of marque to those who suffer wrong from the Low Country Spaniards, on proof made of damage. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 11.]

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March 10. Amsterdam. 42. Peter Allen to Rich. Dike or Ellis Smyth. Has inquired, on behalf of the Lord Warden, for a diver who could recover ordnance out of five or six fathoms of water, but the only one yet heard of was lately drowned; he had a third of all he recovered for himself. Will inquire further.

March 10. 43. Att. Gen. Coventry to the Council. Finds that Thos. Ogle's charges against Roger Wodrington are for foul crimes, and Wodrington's answers are clear and full. Ogle cannot prove his accusations, and Wodrington says they result from spleen. Advises that, for finding out the truth, the case be referred to the justices of assize, Wodrington being too powerful for a reference to justices of peace. *Incloses,*

43. I. *Answer by Roger Wodrington to the Council, upon the charge of Thos. Ogle, that he prevents the forfeitures of lands in Riddesdale for theft from coming to His Majesty. States the mischiefs resulting, both in the late and present reign, from the custom in Riddesdale of dividing the estates among all the children, and not permitting them to be forfeited, for any crime committed by the owners within their own franchise.*

43. II. *Answer by the Same to the particular charges contained in the articles of Thos. Ogle, of connivance at crime, receiving of bribes, and proud and oppressive conduct.*

March 11. Barnstaple. 44. Mayor of Barnstaple to the Council. Has stayed 11 ships bound for Newfoundland, which had not yet set out, but some vessels were gone before the order arrived.

March 11. Exeter. 45. Sir John Eliot to Buckingham. Will take charge of the sale of the ship at Teignmouth. The valuation made of the rye was for his Grace's benefit, in order that if the owners should appear, they might claim only the value, and not have the advantage of the profits of sale.

March 11. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Justices of Assize for Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. To take a course for mending the highways. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 200.]

March 12. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sends a list of Roman Catholics presented by the French Ambassador. He is to advise on the way in which the King's grace may be most conveniently bestowed, but not in the public way they desire. [*Ibid.*]

March 12. Savoy. 46. Lord Carew to Sir John Coke. The service will be greatly injured unless preparations for going to sea be expedited.

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March 12. Lambeth. 47. Archbp. Abbot to Sec. Conway. Never desired to have to deal with foreign Ambassadors, but Marquis d'Effiat would have cured any such desire; for though told seven times that the boy Tapper is not imprisoned for religion, he still complains about him. He is a graceless lad, sent to Bridewell at suit of his father, whom he has robbed. Hopes we are not so conquered that priests and Jesuits may take men's children, whether they will or no.

March 12. London. 48. Chamberlain to Carleton. The highest tide ever known has done great harm along the Thames' side. Westminster Hall was three feet in water; the sea walls in Kent, Essex, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire were overthrown, and great desolation caused near the sea. Marquis Hamilton is dead of a pestilent fever; some suspect poison, because he swelled after death; but no such thing appeared at the post mortem. His body was carried with much company and torchlight, to Fisher's Folly, his house without Bishopsgate, thence to go to Scotland. He is lamented as a very noble gentleman, and the flower of that nation. The Papists will needs have him one of theirs, though no such thing appears. Lord Belfast said in dying, that he was willing to go, foreseeing that ruin could only be avoided by a miracle. The Duchess of Richmond has retired from Hatton House to the other part of Ely House, where she has her Lent sermons as orderly as those at Whitehall. Lady Purbeck's charge for sorcery is dropped, but she is prosecuted for incontinency. She is at Alderman Barkham's, has no friends who will stand bail for her, and sends to Buckingham for money to fee her counsel. Sir Robt. Howard was sent close prisoner to the Fleet, as he would not swear, but he claims his privilege as a Parliament man, which will be yielded to. Lord Dormer has married Lord Montgomery's daughter. Sir Thos. Richardson and Sir Thos. Crew are made Serjeants-at-law. Uncertainties of the French match. Gondomar's coming may quicken it. A ship and pinnace are preparing to fetch him, and it is said he comes not unsent for. Sec. Conway is somewhat out of favour, and will, it is said, retire to the Isle of Wight, as Visct. Newport, or be Lord Deputy of Ireland. The King has a tertian ague, but not dangerous, if he would be governed by physicians' rules.

March 12. Dover Castle. 49. Thos. Benson to [Nicholas]. Private affairs, &c.

March 12. Westminster. Grant to John Bonnal of the King's interest in the leases of two gardens and a shed near the Minories, on condition of his building and maintaining a house for keeping and breeding silkworms for his Majesty. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 21.]

March 12. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Chedell, late of Beaumaris, of pardon for piracy, he being young and seduced by others. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 22.]

March 12. Westminster. Grant to Thos. Morley, of London, of release from a fine of 1,000*l.*, afterwards mitigated to 500*l.*, imposed by the House of Lords. [*Ibid., No.* 23.]

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March 12. 50. Certificate by John Pratt, of the delivery to David Ramsay by Mr. Buggins, of a reference on a petition presented to the King in the name of Edw. Knap, the contents of which Ramsay promised to take notice of.

March 14. 51. Similar certificate by Geo. Buggins.

March 15. Westminster. 52. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Has had a long discourse with the French Ambassador, as commanded, but postpones particulars till they meet.

March 15. Theobalds. 53. Sec. Conway to the Council. To examine a petition of the owners of ships, against continuance of the imposition laid on them for suppression of Turkish pirates.

March 15. Minute of the above. [*Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 200.]

March 15. Inner Temple. 54. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Has examined the cases of those prisoners in London, for whom the French Ambassador intercedes, as persecuted for their religion, and finds that several are liberated on bond or bail; some are in prison for other misdemeanors, and but few for religion only. Thinks that their complaining of the King's mild government as persecution should not procure them favour. Advises that similar inquiries be made as to those who are in the country. Wishes to know whether the fine of 12*d.* a Sunday for absence from church, which extends to Protestants as well as Papists, is to be discontinued; also, whether all presentments and convictions of recusants are to cease. Thinks this not advisable, as it would much divulge the King's purpose, the parties to whom directions would have to be sent being so numerous; no harm can result from presentments, since all forfeitures on conviction are forbidden to be levied. Presumes the proceedings complained of in the High Commission Court at York took place before His Majesty's pleasure was known; Brian Metcalf, then condemned, might be pardoned. Wishes Catholics to see that they cannot obtain whatever they choose to ask, without examination.

March 15. Philpott Lane. 55. Sir John Coke to Sir Wm. Beecher. Hopes the Council will accede to the substance of the letters of assistance required [by the Navy Commissioners], because, without some such extraordinary pressing, it will be impossible to supply the service [with sailors]. Requests that the Attorney may draw up the strict proclamation proposed; will send a statement of the numbers of men required to be ordered in each letter.

March 15. 56. List of 20 merchant ships pressed for the King's service, with their tonnage, and the names of their captains, and of the eight ships appointed for the French King.

March 15. 57. List of Documents signed by the King's stamp in custody of the Earl of Annandale, including, beside several named elsewhere, the following:—

Privy Seal for 4*l.* per day, for Sir Jas. Spence, Ambassador to Sweden, from March 1 to May 31, 1625.

Privy Seal for 3,615*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for Sir Thos. Button.

Grant to Robt. Fowler of a Gunner's place in the Tower.

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Safe conduct for Sir Jas. Spence.
Safe conduct for a Grecian.
Letter to a Polonian Lord.
Letter of credence to the King of Sweden for Sir Jas. Spence.
Instructions for Sir Jas. Spence.
Letter to the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, to appoint fit persons to look to the preservation of the game about Salisbury and Wilton.
Proclamation forbidding the sale of Latin books reprinted beyond the seas, which have before been printed in Oxford or Cambridge.
Grant, with survivorship, to John and Dan. Harvey, of the Receivership of Lincolnshire.
Warrant for particulars to be made of the disparked grounds of Plumpton Park, &c., Cumberland, now held at the rent of 131*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for surrender thereof by the Prince to the Earl of Annandale, and for passing lands of equal value to the Prince, in lieu of the same.

March 15. 58. Estimate by the Navy Commissioners of the expense of revictualling the Antelope, to serve on the coast of Ireland, and other vessels for the Narrow Seas. Total, 10,669*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

March 15. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Treas. Ley. To order a warrant for 330*l.* for the Earl of Annandale. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 200.]

March 15. Theobalds. The Same to the Earl Marshal and others. Sends them the règlement of the Lady's Household, to be signed and returned. [*Ibid.*]

March 16. Theobalds. The Same to Sec. Morton. To inquire about and hasten the return of the règlement for Madame's household. [*Ibid.*]

March 16. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. Sends a deed of the Duchess of Lenox, with direction to pass the patents. [*Ibid.*]

March 16. Sherborne. 59. Earl of Bristol to [Sir Kenelm Digby]. Finds the Duke will not be satisfied unless he subscribes the paper of acknowledgment that was sent him; also that, though the King gave him partial leave to attend to his affairs, the Duke says he must consider himself a restrained man, till he has signed the paper. Begs to know His Majesty's real wish; sends an answer to the propositions, to be presented to the King and the Duke, knowing his Majesty will not compel a man to acknowledge faults of which he is guiltless. Hopes that his Grace will not insist on his committing unworthy actions, but favour him in a noble manner, as nothing is of so much value to him as the defence of his honour and innocency. *Incloses,*

59. 1. *Earl of Bristol to* [*Buckingham*]. *Sends a true and clear answer to the propositions sent him, and will attend his Grace to explain them. Seeks his favour, if he may have it on fair and noble terms; if not, can easily be ruined by his Grace, and will receive disgrace as a punishment for sins against God, but not against the King. Sherborne, March* 16.

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59. II. *Reply of the Earl of Bristol to the propositions of the Duke.* [*See Feb.* 2.] *Acknowledges his obligations to Buckingham. Opposed him only because he thought other counsels would more conduce to the King's ends. Would do anything short of blemishing his innocency, to regain his Grace's good opinion. Sends detailed answers to the propositions.*

March 16. Garlick Hill, London. 60. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Is ready to join with Sir Wm. Cockayne in hearing and ending the suit between Lord Brooke and Sir Hatton Farmer concerning the manor of Pebworth. His Lordship is willing to proceed by law or compromise, as Sir Hatton thinks fit.

March 16. Westminster. 61. Sir Robt. Pye to the Same. Requests the appointment of Owen Jones to be Postmaster at Chester, in place of Sir Peter Proby, now dead. He has done good service, and petitioned for the reversion of that place, but was refused, as the King had ceased to grant reversions.

March 16. London. 62. Dr. Godfrey Goodman, Bp. of Gloucester, to the Same. The words "ultimi episcopi ibidem" should be introduced into his instrument after "a die mortis;" asks if it is necessary for this to be done in the King's presence, or whether a secretary will suffice, and requests to have them inserted.

March 16. London House. 63. Bp. of London [Almoner] to the Same. If the King's ague hold, it may be difficult to get his signature for the Maunday money for the poor; begs Conway, therefore, to obtain it as soon as may be, as time is required for coining it into pennies and twopennies.

March 16? 64. Propositions by the Farmers of the Prince's revenue, of the conditions on which they are willing to furnish certain sums to Buckingham, when in France. They cannot advance anything for Count Mansfeldt, having so much to disburse for the Prince.

March 16. 65. Certificate, by Sir Hen. Marten, that it appears, from examinations of Arch. Nichol, of Stirling, and Geo. Burfield, of Newcastle, that depredations have been committed on them by the Dunkirk ship Mary of Gravelines, under Capt. John Van Dyke; also that restitution has been sought in Brussels, but not obtained.

March 16. 66. Similar certificate, from examination of Wm. Woodall, of Selby, and Sam. Pawson, of York, of the capture of the ship Seahound, of Horne, by the same Dunkirker, laden with goods belonging to English subjects; also, that this was one of the complaints which gave rise to the commission for reprisal.

March 16. 67. Similar certificate from examination of Roger Robinson of Hull, as to damage sustained by the ship Lyon of Hull, from a Dunkirker.

March 16. Theobalds. Nicholas to Mr. Hugessen. Has requested and will obtain for him the preemption of wrecked goods, on condition of his giving one third of the profits to the Lieutenant [of Dover Castle], and another third to himself [Nicholas]. Nothing is to be done detri-

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mental to the Lord Warden's rights; but the old Lord Warden, who allowed no abuses either to himself or those under him, permitted such a course. [*Nicholas's Lett. Bk., p.* 13.]

March 16. 68. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Cumberland, to Nat. Calthrope, Lieutenant to Sir Faithful Fortescue, of 50 soldiers levied for Ireland; with list of their names.

March 16. Westminster. Grant to Lady Anne Molyneux of protection from arrests for one year. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 24.]

March 17. Hom-lacy. 69. Sir John Scudamore to Capt. Chas. ——. Notwithstanding his complimentary letters, thinks he will not be defective in other respects.

March 17. 70. Phil. Burlamachi to [Sec. Conway]. News from Nuremberg of the death of the Marquis of Anspach, which is a great loss to the cause. Begs payment of the 3,500*l.*; cannot advance it, nor the 1,500*l.*, which the Duke should receive, being drained to supply Mansfeldt. French.

March 17. 71. Rich. Dike to Nicholas. Finds that he is preparing to attend his Lord into France. Advises that his dresses be of black satin and unshorn velvet. Sends patterns of lace for his cambric bands. Will furnish him with 50*l.* of the money due from himself to the estate of Nicholas's late father-in-law.

March 17. 72. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Devonshire, to Capt. Edw. Thynne, of 100 soldiers out of 300 to be levied for Ireland; with list of their names.

March 17. 73. Statement of transactions at the Court Baron at Hedingham Castle, Upland, relative to the death of certain of the tenantry, and surrender of their lands, &c. *Annexing,*

73. I.–X. *Ten papers of memoranda, of sundry dates, relating to the surrender and leasing of lands belonging to the manor of Castle Hedingham.*

73. XI. *Extract from the will of* [*John de Vere*], *in which he leaves his messuage of Pilchards, and other lands in Castle Hedingham, to his sister Frances Harcourt, in case she survive his wife Thomasine and his mother Elizabeth. Dated Feb.* 26, 1613.

March 17. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir John Wolstenholme and the Farmers of the Customs 1,303*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, the interest, at 8 per cent., of 20,000*l.* advanced by them on account. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 25.]

March 17. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Geo. Marshall 100*l.*, the fines imposed on Thos. James and Chas. Bridgeman, for spoils in the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester, to be employed in building a new lodge at Malmsbury Race, co. Wilts. [*Ibid., No.* 27.]

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March 17. Westminster. Declaration of the King's resolution to grant to Wm. Visct. Mansfield the lordship and manor of Norton, co. Notts, entailed on the Crown, in part of the gift of lands, value 400*l.* a year, to the Earl of Anglesey, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by the indenture of annexation. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 28.]

March 17. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir Robt. Gordon 2,000*l.*, for the Abbey of Glenluce in Scotland, which he has given to the Bp. of Galloway. [*Ibid., No.* 29.]

March 17. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Sir Robt. Pye. Promises to solicit the place of post of Chester for his servant. Recommends Sir Jas. Spence for despatch of his moneys. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 201.]

March 17. Theobalds. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To prepare a warrant for 4*l.* a day for Sir Edw. Barrett, who is going as Ambassador to France, and 40*s.* a day for Giles Rawlins, as Agent to Savoy. [*Ibid.*]

March 17. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To order warrants for the King of Sweden to export 150 tons of iron ordnance. [*Ibid.*]

March 17. Theobalds. The Same to Sir Horace Vere. Recommends, from the Duke of Buckingham, Chas. Cornwallis for advancement. [*Ibid.*]

March 18. Theobalds. The Same to Lord Treas. Ley. Recommends Mungay Murray about his pension. [*Ibid.*]

March 18. Theobalds. The Same to Sir John Coke and Sir Wm. Cockayne. To hear and compound the difference between Lord Brooke and Sir Hatton Farmer. [*Ibid.*]

March 18. Inner Temple. 74. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. The validity of a deed whereby the inheritance of the Duchess of Lenox is settled on her son, the Duke, depends on the fine to be paid, and until that is done, the deed alone will not suffice. Will have the bills for the annuities passed under the Great Seal, and then keep them in his own hands, if desired, but when once sealed, the parties to whom they belong can lay claim to them. Knows no reason why the grant to the Duke should not be sealed and delivered, though the King chooses to reserve that for the Duchess, till she fulfils his orders on some points not yet decided.

March 18. Theobalds. 75. The King to the [Archbp. of Canterbury]. To admit Wm. Carmichael into the Hospital of the Charter House, on account of his age, poverty, and infirmities.

March 18. 76. Sir Robt. Heath to Lord Stanhope. Is of opinion that his Lordship has the absolute power of nominating to the vacant office of Postmaster of West Chester, unless there be some point in which this post differs from all other post places, which are at his nomination.

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March 18. 77. Commissioners of the Navy to Sir Wm. Beecher. Think the public service will be hindered by the country having warning, from the letters of Council, of the coming down of the presters, as the mariners will conceal themselves to avoid the prest.

March 18. 78. List of Documents signed by the stamp in custody of the Earl of Annandale, in the King's presence, including, beside those named elsewhere, the following: —

Letter to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, to admit Visct. Valentia to have the troop of horse formerly held by Lord Chichester.

Warrant for a grant to Sir Robt. Needham of the dignity of Visct. Kilmorey, in Ireland.

March 18. Westminster. Grant to Denys Fleming of the office of Clerk of the King's ships, void by the death of Sir Peter Buck. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 30.]

March 18. Westminster. Grant to Sir John Finet of the office of Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, in place of Sir Wm. Button, deceased. With proviso that that office be abolished when he gets possession of the Mastership of the Ceremonies, of which he holds the reversion. [*Ibid., No.* 31.]

March 18. Westminster. Grant to Wm. Visct. Mansfield, in fee farm, of the lordship and manor of Norton, &c., co. Notts, as part of the grant to the Earl of Anglesey of lands, value 400*l.* a year. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 32.]

[March 18.] Grant, in reversion, to Chas. Maynard, of the office of one of the two Auditors of the Court of Wards and Liveries, on surrender of the reversion by Sir Wm. Beecher. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 33.]

March 19. Westminster. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Annandale 330*l.*, for secret service. [*Ibid., No.* 34.]

March 19. Westminster. Grant to Mungay Murray of a pension of 200 marks per ann., for service, and especially for having brought the first news of the Prince's safe arrival in England from Spain. [*Ibid., No.* 35.]

March 19. 79. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. The ships from the western ports were forbidden to proceed to Newfoundland, till sufficient mariners were provided for the King's service. They entreat liberty to be gone, and therefore letters are to be sent down speedily to those parts, for impresting the requisite number of mariners; the King's signature is required to a Proclamation for raising them.

March 19. Tower Hill. 80. Commissioners of the Duke of Buckingham's estate to his Grace. Are not prepared to give in an account of the Admiralty profits generally, but have received Mr. Bagg's accounts, which show great industry and fidelity, and will be a precedent for other Vice Admirals. Think the balance of 329*l.* 1*s.* 5¼*d.* in his hands should go to pay some crying debts at court fordiet.

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March 19. 81. Sir Robt. Pye to Sec. Conway. The fee of the postmaster at Chester used to be paid by the Treasurer of the Chamber; but as the present course of the Lord Treasurer is to bring all payments to the Exchequer, it should be made payable from the Exchequer.

March 19. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Council of War. To order the horses, furniture, or money, designed for reinforcement of Lord Chichester's troop of horse, to be delivered to Visct. Valentia. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 201.]

March 19. Theobalds. The Same to Sec. Morton. To ascertain from the Council of War what documents they expect from him. To take order for arming and disciplining the trained bands. [*Ibid.*]

March 20. Theobalds. The Same to Att. Gen. Coventry. To take a course for discharge of John Tapper from prison. [*Ibid.*]

March 20. London. 82. Sir John Coke to Sec. Conway. Lord Carew refuses to provide the ordnance, &c. for the fleet, because he has not received the requisite warrant, which is a letter from the Lord Admiral and other lords at Court, to say that the King's pleasure is that it shall be done. Requests that this may be sent, and also a Privy Seal signed, which is required by the Council of War, and another for a grant to Buckingham of the Lion's Whelp, which his Majesty has given him for discovery of the north-west passage.

March 20. 83. Petition of Sir Rich. Younge to the King, for grant of the fee farm of a house and land at Weybridge, which he holds in lease, as he wishes to enlarge the house; and also for a lease of other demisable lands in reversion, to the amount of 150*l.* per ann., on paying thereon the former rentals.

March 20. 84. List of Documents signed by stamp, in presence of the King, including, beside those mentioned elsewhere, the following:—

Warrant to Sir Wm. Uvedale, Treasurer of the Chamber, to pay to the Bishop Almoner, or the Sub Almoner, 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be distributed on Maunday Thursday.

Grant to Fras. de Champs of the place of Gamekeeper, at Knightsbridge, and near Westminster.

March 20. Theobalds. Proclamation for better furnishing of the Navy and shipping of the realm with able and skilful mariners, forbidding all shipowners to employ seamen who have entered foreign service, disobeyed the imprest, or abandoned the service, and commanding their apprehension, &c.; ordering lists of all pressed men to be given in to the officers of the ports. Printed. [*Proc. Coll., No.* 129.]

March 21. 85. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Has sent to Sir John Coke, who best understands the importance of the business relating to the Navy, to know what papers are required by the Council of

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War. Will attend to the directions for arms and discipline. Requests a copy of the last articles agreed on at Cambridge for the marriage treaty with France, for direction of the Lord Keeper, who is to draw out the patent. Thanks for "the blessed news of His Majesty's better health."

March 21. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Sec. Morton. Sends a copy of the articles of the match. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 202.]

March 21. Theobalds. The Same to [Carleton]. The King has had eight fits of a sharp tertian ague, but his last being greater than the others, gives hopes that it will pass away. The French King promises to have the marriage solemnized in Paris, within 31 days, if a proxy arrives with due power, so Buckingham hastens away. Sees no danger in Gondomar's proposed coming, though he has written to assure the King that he will bring him entire satisfaction. He will not be able to move His Majesty to a day's cessation of arms, but we shall follow their own example, and fight and treat. [*Holl. Corresp., March* 21.]

March 21. Whitehall. 86. Fras. Windebank to Sec. Conway. Forwards two Privy Seals,—one for the Council of War, the other for the pinnace for the Lord Admiral. Has drawn up the latter of himself, there being no precedent for a warrant of such a nature. Sends also for signature the bills for allowances to Sec. Morton. They should commence when the payments ceased to the late Secretary, Lord Baltimore, but cannot ascertain that date, as his lordship is not in town.

March 21. Serjeants' Inn. 87. Sir John Croke and Sir John Davy, Justices of Assize for Hertfordshire, to the Same. The noblemen and gentlemen of Essex have contributed themselves, and levied a tax on the inhabitants, for the repair of the highways, and further request a toll upon the carts which chiefly cause the decay of the roads. The people of Hertfordshire, having spent great sums on the roads, desire a similar toll on carts, which, with a tax on the parishes, will soon repair the decays.

March 21. Southwark. 88. Barth. Haggatt to the Same. Mr. Phelippes solicited the Venetian Ambassador for six weeks to refrain from having his Duke's letters deciphered; not prevailing, he set to work to decipher the letter, but was sent to prison before it was done. The Ambassador has since promised that if Phelippes would refrain from publishing the letter to the other party, the republic would give him a reward, but he is so closely imprisoned that this message has not been able to be conveyed to him.

March 21. London. 89. Jas. Bagg to Buckingham. His year's service will bring more than 1,200*l.* into his Grace's coffers. Requests to have the collection of his tenths in Devon and Cornwall. If the Vice Admirals did their duty, he would have better accounts. Is

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providing 10,000*l.* worth of victuals at Plymouth, and asks his Grace's commands for the impresting of mariners. *Incloses,*

89. I. *Statement of the duties of Vice Admirals, the importance of their keeping strict accounts of seizures, &c., and delivering them yearly to the Lord Admiral or his secretaries. The overplus of the sale of any goods reclaimed by the owners, above the appraisement, should go to the Admiral, as well as the profits of the salvage, &c., and all fees or presents given to Vice Admirals, as such, should be shared with the Lord Admiral. March.*

March 21. Bristol. 90. Mayor of Bristol to Buckingham. Has stayed the ship Flying Hart, as directed. Sends an inventory of the goods now on board, and the examinations of the master and company.

March 21. Lambeth. 91. Sir Geo. Paul to [Nicholas]. Has examined, with the other referees appointed by the Duke, the proofs of gentility exhibited by Mr. Harris, of Shropshire, and find that he can produce records of his family bearing coats of arms since 13 Edw. IV. They are satisfied that Capt. Leake's petition against him is false and scandalous, but Sir Ralph Freeman has made a stop in the business.

March [21?] 92. Petition of Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., to the King. His Majesty having been pleased to create as Baronets certain persons who had land value 1,000*l.* a year, and whose grandfathers bore arms, made him a Baronet in December, 1622, at recommendation of the Earl of Anglesey, on his producing a certificate of descent; but Simon Leake, who was employed to obtain the certificate, being bribed by some of his envious neighbours, entered a suit against him in the Court of Chivalry, for having unduly obtained the certificate. Details proceedings thereon, in the Courts of Chivalry and Chancery. Requests a commission of appeal against the decision of the Court of Chivalry, pronounced on him by default.

March 21. Oakhampton. 93. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Devonshire, to Hen. Lewis, Ensign to Sir Wm. St. Leger, of 100 soldiers, levied for service in Ireland; with list of their names.

March 21. Chester. 94. Indenture of delivery, by the Deputy Lieutenants of Cheshire, to Sir Art. Tyringham, of 100 soldiers, levied for Ireland; with list of their names.

March 21. Westminster. Grant to Robt. Fowler, of a Gunner's place in the Tower, in the room of John Symes, deceased. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 37.]

March 22. Inner Temple. 95. Att. Gen. Coventry to Sec. Conway. Geo. Cole and his servant declare, on examination, that Stephen Plunkett says he heard that Marquis Hamilton was poisoned 12 months before. Plunkett is a childish idle boy, and says he only heard these rumours in the streets as he passed along, and weeps and howls so that little can be got out of him; he is not a papist as reported, and his father, who has been examined, and is still in custody, is Clerk of the Rules in the King's Bench. John Tapper was sent to Bridewell, not for

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religion, but because his friends complained of his incorrigible misconduct, and requested it. As he was sent by warrant from Council, the King's order must be sent to their Lordships for his release, if it be thought advisable.

March 22. Westminster. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Anglesey 1,200*l.* and 960*l.*, as soon as the same shall be paid into the Exchequer by Visct. Mansfield and Paul Peart, for the fee farm of the manors of Norton and Thorley, to be passed to them as parcel of the lands, value 400*l.* per ann., granted to the Earl. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No* 38.]

March 22. 96. List of 150 soldiers levied in Cornwall for Ireland, and delivered by the Deputy Lieutenants to Jas. Finch and John Duck, Deputies of Capt. Edw. Thynne, with conduct money for their march to Barnstaple, and 3*l.* for their stay of one night at Launceston, after they were pressed.

March 23. 97. Similar list of 150 men, delivered to Hen. Lewse, Deputy of Sir Wm. St. Leger.

March 23. Theobalds. 98. Sir Jas. Fullerton to Lady Vere. Burlamachi cannot obtain allowance to pay 500*l.* due to Lord Vere for his service in the Palatinate. The Prince will do his best to obtain it, but the King is too ill at present to be moved about the warrants, and therefore it must be postponed.

March 23. London. 99. Chamberlain to Carleton. The business [of the Vice Chamberlainship] cannot be done in haste; the Earl of Bristol has not yet resigned. Buckingham prepares for France, as Wat Montague brings word that all is forward, and the lady shall be delivered in 30 days, which time is needed to get some points of the dispensation qualified at Rome; but whether or not, the match is to proceed. The King's fits diminish; the Duke will not leave him till he is perfectly recovered, of which there is hope, but no assurance. Fabricius [Sir Hen. Wotton] puts in for the Secretaryship or the deanery of Canterbury. Lady Purbeck acquits herself well in the High Commission Court. Pembridge, a servant of the Archbp. of Canterbury, is committed, for saying she was hardly used, and she calls him one of her martyrs. Sir Robt. Howard was excommunicated publicly at St. Paul's Cross, for contempt in refusing to answer. The Earl of Anglesey is now become prosecutor.

March 23. Westminster. Patent creating Sec. Conway Baron Conway, of Ragley, in the county of Warwick. Latin. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 40.]

March 23. Westminster. Warrant for money and timber for repair of Shelbrook Lodge, and laund in Whittlewood Forest, and of the chief lodge in Corby Woods in Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton. [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

[March 23.] Grant to Rich. Skelton of a Gunner's room in Carlisle, in place of Newark Barwick, deceased. Latin. [*Ibtd., No.* 42.]

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[March 23.] Grant to Wm. Bateman, of the post of Gunner in Carlisle, in place of Barth. Musgrave, deceased. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 43.]

March 23. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to Lord Deincourt. To satisfy his father, and signify as much within 14 days, or the King will be appealed to. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 202.]

March 23. Theobalds. The Same to the Clerk of the Signet. To draw a warrant to the Lord Admiral to lend the Vanguard and seven merchant ships to the French King, for six months. [*Ibid.*]

March 23. 100. List of Documents signed by stamp in the King's presence, including, beside those mentioned elsewhere, the following: –

Letter to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, to grant the government of Carrickfergus to Sir Edw. Chichester, in as ample a manner as formerly enjoyed by Lord Chichester, excepting the fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* a day, and also to admit him to be a Privy Councillor of that kingdom.

Warrant for a grant to Sir Edw. Chichester of the dignity of Baron Belfast and Visct. Carrickfergus.

Blank warrant for the grant of a Baronetcy, in place of Sir Rich. Robartes, Bart., now made a Baron.

Blank warrant for grant of a Baronetcy in place of Sir Fras. Ashby, dead without issue male.

Warrant to Lord Keeper Lincoln, to add Sir Baptist Hicks and Sir John Danvers to the number of Deputy Lieutenants for Middlesex.

Warrant to Lord Noel, to preserve the game within six miles of Burghley-on-the-Hill.

Letter of Congratulation to the Duke of Venice.

Privy Seal to the Council of War, to order the treasurers of subsidies to pay money disbursed on estimates signed by the King, for repair of such ships as have suffered by the late tempest, for preparation of other ships, for fitting up 80 Newcastle ships, and for providing 1,000 pieces of ordnance; with proviso, that they do not omit the payments to the troops in the Low Countries, and those to be sent to Ireland, nor the monthly payment for gunpowder, nor the moneys for Count Mansfeldt.

Grants to Rich. Edwards and Zaccheus Ivitt, of Gunners' places in the Tower.

Warrant for a grant of a Baronetcy to Hugh Cholmley, in place of Sir Peter Curteen, deceased.

March 24. London. 101. Sir Robt. Killigrew to Carleton. Hears that the Prince dislikes his son, because of his crooked legs; if so, will withdraw him from his service.

March 24. 102. Thos. Fulnetby to Nicholas. Is unable from sickness to gather in his accounts properly, and to perform his duties, and would gladly dispose of his place. Has paid Sir John Hippisley 40*l.*, but knows not how much more he has received. The Droit Gatherers desire new commissions.

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March 24. 103. Wm. Visct. Grandison to Sir Thos. Roe. The Levant merchants are unwilling for Roe to leave his employment. Sir Thos. Phelips, his intended successor, is unwelcome to them, and they have petitioned the King for Roe to remain. Breda is besieged, and likely to surrender. The Valtoline is cleared of the Spaniards. The King is weak with fever, of which he has had eleven fits.

March 24. 104. Sec. Morton to Sec. Conway. Congratulates him on his late access of honour. The minute to the Lieutenants [of counties] about the exercise of arms will be signed the next sitting.

March 24? 105—114. Bills by Oswald Mitford, officer of the removing wardrobe of beds, for carriage of wardrobe stuff from Hampton Court, Ely House Holborn, Greenwich, Whitehall, Denmark House, and the Tower, to Suffolk House, Strand, for reception of the French Ambassador Extraordinary, M. Ville-aux-Clercs; for cleaning and carrying back some of the said wardrobe stuff, and for cleaning and putting away the stuff used for the masque in the Banquetting House, Whitehall, &c., from Oct. 1624 to March, 1625. Ten papers.

March 24. 115. List of Documents signed by stamp, in the King's presence:—
Grant to Sir Thos. Badger of a pension of 300*l.* a year, with proviso of surrender, if the King buy in for him pensions value 500*l.* a year.
Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to Pat. Maull the manor of Colliweston, co. Northampton, at the rent of 46*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.*, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate of Council required by the indenture of annexation.
Grant to Pat. Maull in fee farm of the above-named manor.
Declaration of the King's pleasure to grant to the Earl of Annandale Plumpton Park, co. Cumberland, at the rent of 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, notwithstanding the absence of the certificate from Council required by the indenture of annexation.
Grant of the said park to the said Earl in fee simple.

March [24?] 116. The King to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Is pleased to reduce the parliamentary fine on the Earl of Middlesex from 50,000*l.* to 20,000*l.*, of which 10,000*l.* is to be paid to Wm. Earl of Denbigh, Master of the Wardrobe, and 10,000*l.* to Sir Marmaduke Darell, Cofferer of the Household. The Earl is to be assisted in making over to his Majesty such part of his land as is needful, for the payment of this sum.

March [24?] Wallingford House. 117. [Buckingham] to Sir Hen. Marten, Judge of the Court of Admiralty. To grant commissions of reprisal against the subjects of the King of Spain, and of the United Provinces, to persons injured by them, according to instructions already received from Council.

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March 25? 118. Account of the surplus expenditure for the Prince's robes, wardrobe, and stables, above the ordinary allowance of 6,000*l.* a year, for 2½ years past. Total, 6,349*l.* 7*s.* 1¼*d.*

March 25. Theobalds. Sec. Conway to the Master, &c. of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Recommends Thos. Levingston for a fellowship. [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 203.]

March 25? 119. Certificates by various postmasters, of the reception and despatch of a packet from the Secretary to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, on Feb. 26, and of the condition in which it reached them.

March 25? 120. John Davies, Post Master of Brickhill, to [Council]. Received a packet sent by Sec. Morton to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, with the seals broken. The boy who brought it from St. Alban's said that his master had not a box large enough for it, and therefore he had tied it with his master's girdle, and the seals were broken thereby.

March 25. Towcester. 121. Thos. Boye, Post Master of Towcester, to [Council]. Received the above packet, with the strings and box burst, from the Brickhill post boy; tied it up again securely, and sent it away.

March 25. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Walter Montague 200*l.*, for special services. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 44.]

March 25. 122. Memorandum of signature, by the King's stamp in the custody of the Earl of Annandale, of a Privy Seal for 300*l.*, as a free gift to Sir John Bath.

[March 25.] 123. Petition of the inhabitants of Blagdon, co. Somerset, to the Council, for relief from grievances sustained by them from Meredith Madge, clerk, according to the certificate returned by the Bp. of Wells and others, appointed by Council to inquire into the case.

[March 25.] 124. Petition of the Same to the Same. To the same effect.

March [26?] 125. Capt. Thos. Wilbraham to [Buckingham]. Is summoned before the Navy Commissioners, on a charge of the East India Company, that he neglected to stay the Dutch East India ships. Was prevented doing so, not by neglect, but by wind and tide. His attendance on the Duke of Brunswick, which they call abandoning the service, was by his Grace's orders. Came home before the service was ended, thinking that the fleet had passed, and having important letters from the Duke of Brunswick to his Grace.

March 26. Dover Castle. 126. Sir John Hippisley to [Nicholas]. Mr. Hugessen's ship must be relieved. Seven ships are taken by the Dunkirkers, close to the Godwin Sands. The King's ships in the Downs must be well looked to, as there are eight Spanish men-of-war lying thereabouts.

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March 26. Dover Castle. 127. Sir John Hippisley to [Buckingham]. Urgent necessity for the ship which is pressed to be relieved; another cargo can soon be had instead. Begs that his uncle, and two others named, may go as captains on this service. *Incloses,*

127. I. *Examination of Thos. Hamon and Chas. Valye, of Dover. Particulars of the capture of their ship, the Diana, and of six other ships, by the Dunkirkers, who tortured them to induce them to say they were bound for Holland. Four ships were pillaged and liberated, the others were taken to Dunkirk, and their crews imprisoned: their captain, Nich. Roberts, is still a prisoner. Heard some Spanish sailors at Dunkirk say, they hoped soon to take some English vessels royal, as they are ill guarded. Dover Castle, March* 25.

March 26? 128. Note, by Nich. Roberts, of masters of vessels, with their ships, laden for Hamburg, Holland, or Flanders, taken in the company of Capt. Sherlamee, on or about March 11, 1624.

March 26. Particulars, made by warrant of the Commissioners for defective titles, of the value of certain parcels of lands, belonging to the Monastery of Cerne, co. Dorset, certified by Rich. Budd, Auditor of the Exchequer. With statement, by the Lord Treasurer and other officers of the Exchequer, of the terms and conditions of purchase, as rated at six years' fine, for John Freke. [*Case A., James I., No.* 5.]

March 26. Similar particulars of other lands in Wareham, co. Dorset, with similar statement of their value, as rated at five years' fine, for Sir Wm. Pitt. Indorsed with a statement relative to the previous tenure, title, and value of the above lands. Also note, by the Lord Treasurer and others, dated Sept. 27, 1626, that they are to be let to Sir Wm. Pitt, at a rental of 27*s.* 1¼*d.*, and on payment of a fine of 9*l.* 5*s.* 6¼*d.* [*Ibid., No.* 6.] *Annexed are,*

I. *Copy of the statement in the above indorsement.* [*Ibid., No* 7.]

II. *Memoranda relative to payments made into the Exchequer, and allowances to Robt. Typper, on account of the above lands of Cerne and Wareham.* [*Ibid., No.* 8.]

March 26. Westminster. Warrant to the Exchequer to take composition of Dr. Godfrey Goodman, for the first fruits of the Bishopric of Gloucester, after the rate of 283*l.* 16*s.* 0½*d.*, by four yearly instalments. [*Sign Man., vol.* XVII., *No.* 45.]

March 26? 129. Petition of Lieutenants John Haitley, Geo. Douglas, Jas. Stewart, and other officers, to the King. Having served under Count Mansfeldt since the beginning of the Bohemian wars, they came over to Scotland to join the new levies; after waiting six months, they have no money left to stay longer, or to pay their passage back, and intreat help.

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March 26? 130. Petition of Lieutenant John Haitley and other officers to the King, on the same subject as the preceding.

March 27. Theobalds. "Memorandum:—27th March, about noone, King James died, and King Charles was instantly proclaimed at Theobalds, and the same afternoone at London." [*Minute, Conway's Lett. Bk., p.* 203.]

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Case, marked James I. A., containing parchment indentures, leases, &c., during the reign, which are all calendared under their respective dates.

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Proclamations of the reign of James I., all calendared under their respective dates.

Vol. CLXXXVIII. Undated.*

1. Licence to Jane Foukes, of the parish of St. Clement Danes, to sell flesh privately during Lent.

2. Warrant for Rich. Willis, Jas. Crump, Rich. Crane, and others, to cut down, and sell for the King's use, certain coppice wood in Whittlewood Forest, Northamptonshire.

3. Fras. Baker to ———. Begs release, being in prison at his suit, for possession of a house and grounds. Is willing to accept his proposal, with certain conditions.

4. Memorandum, by Dr. Ralph Barlow, of a request for the rectory of Curry-Mallett, diocese of Bath and Wells.

5. Battier to ———. Explains his reasons for giving up the tuition of his children.

6. John Deacon to Lord ———. Prays to be protected by his Lordship from any further molestation, in consideration of reasons detailed, amongst which is the publication of his work against the "Imposturing Darrellists and other Devil Drivers."

7. Forster to ———. Complains of the unjust dealing of Mr. Chewte, a lawyer, who obtained from him leases of Uplamborne and Bewcot, on promise of services which have never been performed. Prays for a hearing of his cause in the Court of Wards.

* This and the two succeeding volumes contain Undated Papers, supposed to be of the reign of James I., but which are too general in their character to admit of definite chronological arrangement.

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8. George Garret to ——. His debt was estimated by the Council at 2,758*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* Will pay 6,000*l.* instead, if he may have the farmers' bonds.

9. Adam Hogg to ——. Is unable to wait on him, owing to a mischance. Begs his worship to send him something for his services. The subpœna for Fenwick is in a box on the cupboard.

10. The King to the Judges of the Common Pleas. States the complaints of the Attorneys of the King's Bench against those of the Common Pleas, for irregular proceedings in the conduct of actions to their prejudice, and commands reformation therein.

11. The Same to the Justices of the Common Pleas. Orders that henceforth the Philazers sign and record their writs, in order to prevent fraud from those who sue forth process in the Philazers' names, without their warrant.

12. The Same [to the Lord Mayor of London]. Recommends the petitions of his servants, Ralph Robinson and Adam Cropley, for the first reversions of the places of Sea Coal Meters.

13. The Same to [the Warden, &c.] of Magdalen College, Cambridge. Presents Joseph Jackson to the Fellowship of that College, void by death of Jacob Chaloner.

14. The Same to the Attorney General and Council. To assist Thos. Killegrew and Sir Thos. Sands to call Edm. Jones and others, of cos. Brecon, Glamorgan, Monmouth, and Cardigan, to account, for certain moneys received by them, arising from rectory lands, and from the estates of Edw. Winter, Mary Jones, and Howell Prees, co. Brecon.

15. Request to ——, by "French Mary," who waited on his daughters, that he will bestow the living of Alvely, co. Essex, on Thos. Sanderson, of Queen's College, Oxford.

16. Request of the President of the North to ——, that the ten English mariners confined in York Castle may be enlarged, as well as the two Dutchmen, the plot for seizing Capt. Kendlemarsh's ship being devised by the Dutchmen. Also, that Fras. Gargrave, Deputy Vice Admiral of Yorkshire, may be compelled to surrender the profits of the ship, for support of the prisoners.

17. North to Roger Lee. Private affairs. Knows nothing of Kevell, or Revell; will not be unmindful of his daughter Ward.

18. "Reasons of Wm. Parnel for Mr. Levil to persuade his uncle, Mr. Fras. Thaxton, of Ripon, to Poperie," in a letter addressed to "Dearlie beloved Uncle."

19. The same in similar terms, addressed "Dearlie beloved Cosen."

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20. Answer by Sir Fras. Popham, to a petition presented to the King by Rood and King, on behalf of the inhabitants of St. John's Parish, Glastonbury, who wish to compel him to contribute to the repairs of the church there, although his land at Nyland is seven miles distant.

21. Thos. Powlett to ——. Sends him, under Dr. P. Godwin's hand, the reasons why the Bp. of Bristol, Treasurer of Wells, cannot make good the estate in the parsonage of Martock. *Incloses,*

21. i. *Notes by Dr. P. Goodwin, detailing the reasons why the Bp. of Bristol cannot make good a certain lease.*

22. [Secretary ——] to the Attorney General. To prepare a pardon for Art. Samuel, for killing Fras. Harrington, it being done in heat of blood, without malice.

23. Capt. Thos. Vaughan to the Lord [Admiral]. The decayed state of a galley now in harbour. Asks the charge of a ship in harbour, and offers, if the Lion's Whelp may be converted into a ship, to fit her out, or else to build another, at a rate much more advantageous to His Majesty than that now paid.

24. The Vicar and other inhabitants of Wymondham, Norfolk, to the Council. Certify that Thos. Hobbes, from age and infirmity, is unable to appear, as summoned, before their Lordships.

25. Answer of the Dean and Chapter of Wells, as to why they cannot admit Paul Methwin, a Scot, as a residentiary in the cathedral.

26. —— to Mr. Vincent, draper, in London. Steps taken by John Kidley, or Kighley, to persuade Goodwin to pass his lands over to him, rather than to his wife, on whom they are settled, or to his sister, the widow of — Crowther.

27. —— to Mr. Lively. Concerning the claim of the Church to a yearly buck and doe, and attempts to compound for the value thereof; will pay the arrears, if his rights be not thereby invalidated.

28. —— to the Dean of ——. The stay made by the King of a Fellowship for Mr. Mercer, upon allegation of nonconformity, is revoked, on examination thereof. The first Fellowships are to be granted to Mr. Mercer and Mr. Honeywood.

29. —— to ——. Was ill till Christmas. The week after, used every effort to finish the business with the Earl of Hertford; he refused to sign unless Mr. Hyde signed first. Just when the lease was signed, heard of Mrs. Goodere's death, and fears it may make some difficulty, as hers was one of the lives on reversion of which it was granted.

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30. —— to ——. Having appointed them arbitrators in the cause at issue between himself and his adversary, will leave it to their decision. Discourses on the importance of equity and even-handed justice.

31. Declaration [by Judge ——] of the state of the counties in the northern circuit, viz., York, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Lancaster. Has persuaded many recusants to take the oath of allegiance; their numbers decrease. The people generally "rejoice in their peace, whereby they daily increase in their values, and frame themselves to a civil life."

32. Petition of Christopher Applegate, Lieutenant to the company of Capt. Orrell, deceased, to the King. Will be ruined if his Majesty's letter for Lieut. Williamson to have the company, for which the petitioner paid 300*l.*, takes effect. Begs that the case may be referred to his Excellency and the States.

33. Petition of Sir Jas. Auchterlony, the King's servant, to the King, not to credit the complaints made by Robt. Rugg, Lieutenant to himself and his late uncle, Sir Jas. Auchterlony, in the Fort of Holy Island, of misgoverment there.

34. Petition of Peter Du Boys and Hugh Morrell to the Same, to countenance their enterprise for improving commerce, the particulars of which they have given in to the Attorney General.

35. Petition of Julian Brace, widow, to the Same, for arrears of a debt due to Anne Poole, her mother, by the Crown, or for the benefit of the making a Baron of Ireland.

36. Petition of Wm. Brooks to the Council, that Ann Howgh, committed to the New Prison for attempting to pass the seas without licence, and there exposed to converse with Romish priests, may be released on bail.

37. Petition of Thos. Crossland to the Same, for special hearing in a case of conspiracy, plotted against him by Norton and others.

38. Petition of the English brokers, that only freemen of the City of London may be eligible to act as brokers within the City, showing the inconvenience of foreigners acting as brokers.

39. Petition of John Crux, of Preston, Kent, to the Council, for licence to pass into the Low Countries, to get a release from Edw. Norden, of Teynham, Kent, of lands by him transferred to the late Jonas Crux, who paid his debts.

40. Petition of Robt. Dodsworth, Sewer of the Chamber, to the Same, complaining of the refusal of the Dean and Chapter of Durham to renew to him the lease of the tithe of Heighington and Brackes, and of the contemptuous conduct of Geo. Morecroft, one of the Prebends.

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41. Petition of William Drury, prisoner in the Clink, to the King, to be released on bail, for the purpose of consulting a surgeon at Norwich.

42. Petition of Thos. Eliot, Matt. Cawthrop, and Abram Campion to the Same, for permission to dig in the churchyard and lands belonging to the ancient monastery of St. Albans, for treasure, one third to be for the King, one third for repairing the church, and the remainder for the petitioners.

43. Petition of John Everard to the Council. Having lately been apprehended as suspected of recusancy, prays to be admitted to bail.

44. Petition of Hen. Fearne, prisoner in Newgate, to the King, for pardon for felony, this being his first offence, and he able to do service to his country.

45. Petition of Sir Rich. Fleetwood, Bart., to the Council, for re-delivery of his armour, taken from him 13 years before by the Deputy Lieutenants, who now order him to provide himself anew with armour.

46. Petition of Robt. Foard to the Same, for redress against Angelo Deckant, who rode a mare of his to death, and on his seeking redress, had him taken into custody.

47. Petition of Dennis Folligay, now of Paris, to the Same, to be permitted to take due course of law for recovery of a debt from Michael Dolavaine, prisoner in the Fleet.

48. Petition of Thos. Grent, Physician in ordinary to the King, to his Majesty, for a patent of a new mode of hot pressing silks and other stuffs, and of shooting little balls or short arrows from long bows, both discovered by himself.

49. Petition of John Heard, of Essex, to the Council, for arbitration in suits maliciously prosecuted against him by Wm. Nelson and others, &c.

50. Petition of the Mayor, &c. of Hedon, Yorkshire, to the King, for a grant of certain fairs, a jury having decided that they may be held without prejudice to the Crown, or to any others.

51. Petition of Fras. Heydon, the King's Gamekeeper for Devonshire, to the Council. Shows that much spoil has been done to the game by Philip Chanon and other disorderly persons, and requests that they may be punished.

52. Petition of Wm. Hooste to the Same. Is in custody on account of the ordnance shipped away by Conrad Quirin without licence; declares that he had no concern in the transaction, having withdrawn his bond with Quirin and Capt. Bell therefor.

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53. Petition of Paul Jacob, a converted Jew, to the King. Considers that as the sceptre has departed from Judah, his Majesty is the true King of the Jews; is therefore his child and subject, and prays for a small allowance. Was converted by George Bp. of Londonderry.

54. Petition of Nich. Jacobson to the Council, for licence to transport six unserviceable pieces of ordnance to Amsterdam.

55. Petition of the Same to the Same, to the same effect.

56. Petition of Francis Knoles, Mayor of Southampton, and others, to the Same, for licence to land at Portsmouth part of the freight of a ship laden with Malaga wine and raisins, those commodities being much needed in the country.

57. Petition of Wm. Labourer to the Same, for a person to be appointed to examine his project for mending the highways of the kingdom.

58. Petition of the Lord Mayor, &c. of London, to the King. They have at great charge made pleasant walks out of boggy fields north of London; pray that his Majesty will direct the building of a new street to approach the said walks.

59. Petition of Ann Lyon to the Same, for a Privy Seal for 200*l.*, in part payment of 2,400*l.* due to her.

60. Petition of Wm. Monck to the Council, for redress from John and Dorothy Blackborn, at whose unjust accusation he was committed to the Tower, and so tortured that he is maimed and disabled from earning his living.

61. Petition of the College of Physicians to the King. Some of the nobility of the kingdom having proffered large contributions towards establishing a garden for trees, plants, and fruits, &c., pray that his Majesty will further the undertaking, and permit them to make choice of a fitting site for the said garden.

62. Petition of —— Puchet and Wm. Le Breton, merchants of Rouen, to the Council, that two ships laden with Cognac wines, driven on the coast of England by weather, and seized, may be released on bond.

63. Petition of Edw. Reynolds to the King, to be confirmed in the living of Braunston, co. Northampton, although Wm. Lever was nominated four years before by the King.

64. Petition of Thos. Saunders to the Council. Is committed, at the instance of Sir Sam. Sandys, for joining in a petition against his unjust dealing with the tenants of Ombersley, co. Worcester. Prays to be released on bail, and allowed to establish his right in his copyhold estate.

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65. Petition of Rich. Seawell and Robt. Stone, prisoners in the Marshalsea, to the Council, for relief; were reprieved from death, but are starving in prison.

66. Petition of Edw. Sedgwick to the King, for a writ of Privy Seal to receive a debt of 240*l.*, due by John Fuller to Toby Cage, in part payment of a debt due to him by Cage, who being outlawed, the 240*l.* devolves to the Crown.

67. Petition of Thos. Smith, Messenger of the King's Chamber, to the Council. Went to Tewkesbury to apprehend — Colding, and was obstructed by the fraud of Vaughan, a lawyer, who pretended to be Colding, and connived at his escape.

68. Petition of Thos. Smith to his Worship, to be allowed to continue the trade of bookseller in Manchester, whither he removed when the former bookseller left the town, and has "furnished the place with all sorts of Latin and English bookes, allowed by authority to be sold."

69. Petition of Tim. Stephens, Messenger of the Chamber, to the Council, for letters to the Merchant Adventurers, that compensation may be made him for extraordinary charges when he was a merchant adventurer, which will be repaid to those who continue in the trade.

70. Petition of Eleanor Thomas to the Same, against John Poole, who has unjustly seized her land, and put her son-in-law, daughter, and servants, in Hereford Gaol, by aid of her attorney, Mr. Barrett.

71. Answer of John Poole to the above. Denies the petitioner's statement; holds lands formerly belonging to her husband, as tenant of Mr. Reade, of Devonshire, who purchased them.

72. Petition of Thos. Tyro to the King, for the next Chaplain's place in Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

73. Petition of Nath. Walter to the Same. Having spent most of his estate in perfecting an engine for draining water out of ships, fens, or mines, prays to be constituted Engineer to his Majesty.

74. Copy of the above.

75. Petition of Lewis Watkins, of Brecknock, to the Council, to direct the Justices of Peace for Brecknockshire to allow him a yearly pension, being totally blind, and having been impressed for service in Portugal, in the late Queen's reign.

76. Petition of Geo. Whicher to the Same. Is committed for not making certain entries as a pawnbroker, at the office of the patentees for weekly register of pawns. Prays discharge, on his bond to conform to the patent.

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77. Petition of Ludovick Wimes, Fellow of Queen's College, Cambridge, to the King, for liberty to exchange the living of Gedney, Lincolnshire, for another nearer to the University, being "desirous to better his studies."

78. Petition of —— to the Same, for a grant of the sole indorsing of all special licences for import or export of grain, beer, cloth, &c., these licences being abused by custom-house officers, who purchase them, and then export what quantity they please.

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1. Receipt for making wormwood beer, and directions for breeding pheasants [by Nicholas].

2. Receipt by Mr. Mathias for "the greater palsy water, also for apoplexie;" also "another water for the same, of lesser prise and charges."

3. Receipt for cure of the toothache, by a piece of alabaster, heated and dissolved in white wine.

4. Receipt for making "six minst pies, of an indifferent bignesse."

5. Draft of divisions of the kingdom of Great Britain, for making a common-place book.

6. List of Spanish words and phrases, quoted from some MS. With their translations in English.

7. Phrases, proverbial expressions, &c. [seemingly extracted from some printed book], chiefly on political subjects.

8. Essay on the power and duties which pertain to a King.

9. A paper headed, "The good counsayle of a Prince ought to procede from his own wisdome, otherwise he can not be well counsayled," proving the importance of wisdom in the ruling power, rather than reliance on counsellors. Historical cases cited.

10. Analytical digest [drawn out for Ambassadors?] of those things which are most worthy of observation in a country, its physical features, qualities of the people, government, &c.

11. Copy of the above.

12. MS. intituled, "True Project how the King's Forests ought to be kept, according to the ancient laws and orders of the forest, with an increase of the revenues of the Crown, and a great yearly benefit into His Majesty's coffers;" with an account of the Courts of Woodmote, Swanimote, and Eyremote.

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13. Treatise by John Fincham, on the advisability of establishing a High Court of Admiralty in England, and of levying customs on all foreign vessels passing through the Narrow Seas.

14. Notes by Mr. Whittaker, of the customs observed at Lyons, and divers other places, relative to trade in books.

15. Summary of the chapters of the book, entitled "Propugnaculum juris jurandi in subditos ædicti à potentissimo Rege Magnæ Britanniæ, adversus obtrectatores."

16, 17. Elegiac verses on the death of Steward and ——, the two knights who fell by each other's hand. Latin. Two copies.

18. Pasquil against the Jesuits. Latin verse.

19. Minutes of intercepted correspondence of various Popish recusants, principally in reference to sending their children abroad for education.

20. Discourse on the Inquisition, to prove the necessity of assistance of the magistracy to the Holy See, and explaining and vindicating the rules of the Inquisition. Italian. Indorsed "Del Inquisitione; since printed, P. Paulo."

21. Sermon by Nich. Smith, from Proverbs, chap. ix., v. 18.

22. Concluding sentences of a sermon.

23. Meditations, translated from the French, on the Birth of Christ, Massacre of the Innocents, the Beatitudes, Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, the Widow's Offering, the Driving out of the Buyers and Sellers from the Temple, Bringing of Children to Christ, Stilling the Tempest, and the Woman taken in Adultery.

24. Statement of the distinction between the persons in the Trinity, and the degrees of perfection attainable by man.

25. Father Alex. Baker's defence of the doctrine of Regeneration in Baptism, as held by Catholics, showing its difference from the opinion of Protestants.

26. Explanation of the term "Mother," as applied by the King of England to the Church of Rome. French.

27. Notes, apparently from some controversial work against Popery, that Protestants do not deny to pay the King his dues, and that they wish for a praying and preaching ministry.

28. Three fictitious addresses of persons pretending to live at Dunkirk, by which English Jesuits convey their letters abroad, where they are received by Wm. Randall, who fled to Dunkirk in the late Queen's time.

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29. Articles of the powers vested in the disciples of the English College [of Jesuits at Rome?] in the exercise of their priestly functions.

30. Summary of the reasons of the agreement to be entered into by all Christians respecting the Eucharist. Indorsed Thos. Wilson. Latin.

31. Transcript of the above.

32. Reasons to prove that none of the towns in the King of Denmark's dominions, near the Elbe, are fit places for the trade of the Merchant Adventurers, not being sufficiently large and commodious.

33. Propositions relative to the settlement of a dispute between certain merchants; the accounts to be examined by 14 merchants, chosen from a list of 30 by the King, who will himself hear both parties. Indorsed Mr. Harvey.

34. Table of commodities exported and imported by the Merchant Adventurers, and the merchants trading to the Levant, Eastland countries, Muscovy, Barbary, France, and Spain.

35. Table of the weights and measures of pearls, with directions for distinguishing their qualities and value.

36. Project by Capt. Baylie, that the King should, for 10 years, build yearly two ships of 1,000 tons, and employ them in defence of Ireland, &c.; that he should employ 10,000 young men on the fisheries, to train them as mariners, and make a plantation in Virginia or New England, by which 3,000 poor may yearly be disposed of, the expense to be met by voluntary contributions. Finds the people generally willing to contribute.

37. Memorandum, by Mr. Moyle, of the value of certain Philazers' places, and the office of the "King's silver."

38. Number of lances and light horse to be levied in the several counties throughout the realm. Total, lances 1,339, light horse 3,879.

39. Abstract of the returns of the musters, showing that in 33 counties, the sum total of the trained foot is 75,683, horse 4,521, &c.

40. Note of a project for carrying four cannons in one car, with all appurtenances, powder, ball, &c., and also of a secret plan by which artillery can be rapidly dismounted and replaced. Italian. Indorsed "Note of a secret of great importance to Princes."

41. Memorandum as to the receipt and disposal of provisions on board the Martha of London, while at Plymouth.

42. Memorandum of the shares which Barnabas Crofton has in certain ships, as specified.

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43. Suggestions on the best method of supplying timber for the navy, out of the King's own woods.

44. Analytical table of provisions and emptions required for the Navy.

45. Estimate of the cost of building a ship of 250 tons, adapted to war or commerce. French.

46. List of munition delivered on board His Majesty's ships Hour Glass Fortune, Primrose, William and John, Pelican, and Carnation.

47. List of munition ships in harbour, with an estimate of the number of soldiers which they can carry. Indorsed [by Nicholas].

48. Estimate of the charge for victualling ships.

49. Estimate of the charge of 30 ships, for the guard of the Narrow Seas.

50. Inventory of "goods sold to the Londoners" [apparently the lading of a vessel], consisting of cloth, glass, combs, brushes, leaf gold, pencils, books, rapiers, daggers, &c.

51. Reasons against buying foreign vessels for trade, as being weak, and liable to be retaken for their original countries.

52. "Articles containing the wages of the officers and servants belonging to the Mount of Piety," or pawnbrokers' establishment.

53. Statement of the terms on which the King proposes to erect a corporation for advancing money on pawns, with query as to whether it would not come within the Statute of Usury.

54. "Special notes and points to be regarded, executed, and noted of a King of Arms in his province, in the time of his visitation."

55. List of fees due [in the Privy Seal Office?]; indorsed "Mr. Parker. Fees owing by Mr. Birch."

56. Analytical table of the duties of the officers of a nobleman's estate and household.

57. Statement of benefit to be derived from the erection of an office, to oversee all who come into, or go out of the realm, especially in the more secret and rapid transmission of foreign news.

58. Note of certain words, disrespectful to the King, spoken by John Bailye to Robt. Mortlock, prisoner in the Marshalsea.

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59. Names of five gentlemen in cos. Ely, Norfolk, Hertford, Kent, and Dorset, Indorsed, "From Capt. Duppa."

60. Attested copy of the statutes and constitutions of the Cathedral Church at Exeter.

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1. Particular of His Majesty's lands in Otford and Shoreham, co. Kent, in occupation of David Powllhill.

2. Accounts of the Deputy Keepers of Yoxhall, and other wards in Needwood-Forest, for sums received for the sale of wood, and for fines on encroachments.

3. Account of sums disbursed in the repair of the King's House at Colly-Weston, co. Northampton.

4. Estimate of the average profits of courts and rents of copyholds of the manors of Mere, co. Wilts, and Shepton Mallet, and Curry-Mallet, co. Somerset.

5. Plot of the woods at Canewood, between Sherewick lane, Hornsey (?) park, and Millfield, with valuation of the timber felled unlawfully.

6. Note of an offer for purchase of a grant in fee-farm of the lordship of Daventry, part of the lands of the Duchy of Lancaster.

7. Plan of the foundation of the new intended works at Sandham Castle.

8. Proposition for erection, at Port Levan, near the Land's End, Cornwall, a dangerous coast, of a harbour, to be built by voluntary contributions from the neighbouring counties, and maintained by a tonnage granted to the constructer on all ships turning the Land's End.

9. Evils resulting from disarming the parts of Northumberland next Scotland; Newcastle and Berwick at least should be armed, in case of foreign invasion.

10. Articles to be inquired of by the Commissioners for surveying the mills of Sandford, manor of Sunning, cos. Berks and Oxon.

11. Note of the value of the manors of Wade, Poulton, and Wigley.

12. Extract from the Patent Rolls, 29 Edw. I., describing the boundaries of Selwood Forest.

13. Memorandum from the above perambulation, relative to the nature and value of the lands in Selwood Forest.

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14. Statement of the annual value of the lands and tenements within the manor of Littleport, Isle of Ely.

15. Statement by Mr. Hill of the condition of the level called the Carres, lying north and north-west of Gainsborough, in the Fen Country, Lincolnshire.

16. Note of rights claimed by the Mayor, &c. of Boston, Lincolnshire, by prescription and by charter, and of those which they disclaim.

17. Statement of reasons for a request that the King would allow the Great and Quarter Sessions to be held constantly at Carnarvon, and the audits and receipts to be kept there, the town having suffered much by their withdrawal.

18. List by Thos. Dereham, of West Dereham, Norfolk, of the manors and lands belonging to him.

19. Account of the grant by Edward VI. to the free school and hospital of St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, and of the misappropriation of the surplus funds, by the overseers, and suggestion that the King should take the affair into his own hands.

20. Valuation of certain parcels of the manor of Egham, Surrey.

21. Valuation of the manor of Nelmes, near Rumford, Essex.

22. Account of the yearly rentals, &c. of the hundred and manor of Heytesbury, and of its value, if it be sold.

23. Extracts from records showing the King's tenants in the manors of Ascott and Stourton, temp. Edw. I.

24. Exceptions to the Patent desired by Sir Edw. Stanley, for free warren and inclosure of a park at Bickerstaffe, co. Lancaster, he being a man of small estate, and the grant likely to annoy the Earl of Derby in his neighbouring estate of Latham. Indorsed, "Lord Strange."

25. Project for establishing a special register office for the Council in the Marches of Wales. Indorsed Mr. Pitcairn.

26. Account of the revenue of sundry manors in several counties. Indorsed "Fee-farmes."

27. Request by Dr. Wright, Physician of the Charterhouse, that his stipend may be raised, all the other officers of that foundation having had some augmentation of their fees.

28. Note of fees and other provisions of the officers [of the Charter house] with the recent increase thereon.

29. Oath administered to the undersearchers of the Port of London.

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30. Considerations offered by the refiners of London to the [Council?] why they should not be removed from the refining houses which they have built at great expense, and be required to erect others at the Tower.

31. Proposals for furnishing the Strand and Westminster with water, as already done in London, to be conveyed into the house of every man who will take it, at a certain rental.

32. Preamble of King James's patent for the new churchyard of St. Martin's in the Fields.

33. Statement of a fraudulent attempt of the citizens of London, to deprive their ministers of their legal tithe of 1*s.* 4½*d.* for every 10*s.* rent, by holding their houses at a low nominal rental, and paying the remainder of the value in the shape of a yearly fine; with request of the ministers for redress.

34. Complaint of the Vice-Chancellor [of Cambridge] and Heads of Colleges, against John Sherwood, late Mayor, for infringement of the Charter of the University, by setting free Edw. Almond, John Ball, Jonas Scott, and Thos. Oliver, burgesses imprisoned for attempting to draw away to other courts causes belonging to the University.

35. Form of the oath taken by students of Magdalen Hall to their tutor, as administered to John Harewell. Latin.

36. Interpretation of the statutes of Corpus Christi College, as prescribed by the Chancellor of the University, with objections of the College against it, and their own interpretation of the statutes in reference to election of fellows.

37. Note relative to the number of votes in Queen's College, Oxford.

38. Certificate addressed to the Officers of the Board of Green Cloth, that the inhabitants of Sunning Hill, co. Berks, have been unequally assessed and overburdened for service in the King's removals, &c.

39. Statement of inconveniences resulting from the appraisements of the estates of deceased persons being no longer made on oath, since the abolition of Papal authority, by which officers of appraisement were formerly created. Suggestion that as all Papal power in England is now devolved on the King, he may lawfully re-erect the office.

40. Notes on the validity of the covenants of princes, proving from the civil law that "fœdera sunt bonæ fidei," not "stricti juris." Latin.

41. Reasons why mayors of corporations and bailiffs of liberties to whom escheats are granted by their charters of incorporation, should account yearly to the King for the same.

42. Form of the oath to be administered to a Privy Councillor.

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43. Notes on the several powers vested in Justices of the Peace, and Justices of Assize, on the great inquest at the assize, the mode of selecting juries, &c.

44. Copy of the above.

45. Memorandum that the ancient practice of the Exchequer, relative to innovating tallies casually lost, is now turned to granting constats, and that of granting commissions of aid to sheriffs and accountants to levy debts, is changed into writs of "sistas in auxilium."

46. Queries on the mode of the execution of penal statutes, proposing that presenters should make their presentments on oath, &c.

47. Notes of the extent of Salcy Forest, and Brigstock, and Clive plots in Rockingham Forest.

48. Bill, answer, proofs, &c., in the cause of the Attorney General v. Geo. Lynne, jun., and Thos. Kirkham, respecting lands, &c., in Rockingham Forest, Northamptonshire.

49. Bill, answer, and proofs, in the case of the Attorney General v. Robt. Flower, for trespassing in His Majesty's forest of Melksham, alias Blackmore, Wiltshire.

50. Proofs on both sides in the case of the Attorney General v. Thos. and Hugh Jones, respecting the right of property in Brecknock Court, Forest of Dean, &c.

51. Proofs on both sides in a cause of the King v. —— respecting lands in Chippenham Forest, belonging to the manor of Compton Basset.

52. Bill, answer, and proofs in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir John Byron, respecting the ownership of Bullwell Park, Newstead Priory, Colwick, Little and Great Odam, &c., within Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire.

53. Proofs and answers relative to Little and Great Odam, &c., in the above cause.

54. Account of the seaports in Norway, the Sound, and the dependencies of Sweden or Prussia, which are subject to the King of Denmark's toll.

55. Description of the principal ocean currents, the monsoons, &c.

56. Memoranda [by Dud. Carleton] on the great circles of the globe, latitude and longitude, the zones, &c.

IMPERFECT PAPERS.

1. Description of a tour in Persia, Cambay, various parts of the East Indies, China, &c., with remarks on their productions, inhabitants, government, &c. French.

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2. Part of a description of Holland, its military establishment, revenues, taxation, government, trade, religion, mode of living, &c. French.

3. Part of a geographical work describing Arabia, Mecca, and the shores of the Nile.

4. Part of a letter of observations on Switzerland, made during a tour on foot; on the religion, manners, mode of living of the people, &c.

ADDENDA

TO THE

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS

OF THE REIGN OF

JAMES I.

1603.

[April 17.] "The poore men's petition to their King," for uniformity in religion, provision for soldiers, &c.; and against delays in law, plurarality of offices, monopolies, export of ordnance, and impositions; also against the creation of Sir Walter Raleigh as Earl of Pembroke. [*Vol.* I., *No.* 28 *A.*]

[April 17.] Copy of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 28 *B.*]

May. Draft of the proclamation to make void letters of reprisal. [*Ibid., No.* 111 *A.*]

May. London. The King to all captains of ships, abroad on martial affairs. Orders them not to molest the subjects of the King of Spain or of any other foreign Prince, his Majesty being at amity with all. [*Ibid., No.* 111 *B.*]

June 8. The King to the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge. For a lease to Wm. Kellett of the priory of Kersey, co. Suffolk. [*Vol.* II., *No.* 5*.]

[June 11.] Whitsun Eve. London. Edw. Reynoldes to his wife. Advises her to remove from Sarum, on account of the sickness, and to stay with his cousin, St. Barbe, at Whiteparish. Has received 800*l.* of his money from Rawlins, and taken bond for 300*l.* [*Ibid., No.* 6*.]

July 6. Draft of the Proclamation forbidding undue resort of people to the Coronation. [*Ibid., No.* 34*.]

July 6? Warrant to certify that the two Masters of Requests and the Attorney General are not to be debarred access to the King's Privy Chamber. [*Ibid., No* 35 *A.*]

1603.

July 6. Holyrood House. Wm. Murray to Jas. Murray. Orders him to pay over the 45,000*l.* [Scots] due to him to the bearer. [*Vol.* II., *No.* 35 *B.*]

July? Articles required by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, to be answered by the Barons thereof, touching the respective rights of the Warden and inhabitants, in wrecks of the sea, the holding of Chancery Courts, the sale of fish, &c. In the margin is a list of appointments of the Lords Warden, from 1416 to 1596. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 99.]

July? Licence to Thos. Greene, Chris. Beeston, Thos. Hawood, and six others, servants to the Queen, to "exercise the art and faculty of playing comedies, tragedies, histories, interludes, morals, pastorals, stage plays, &c.," in their "usual houses called the Curtayne and the Bore's Head," in Middlesex, or elsewhere, as they may think fit, as soon as the plague decreases to 30 per week in London. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 100.]

Aug. 5. Commission to Wm. Camden, Clarencieux King-at-Arms, to visit all his province. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1617, *March* 31.]

[Sept. 12.] Monday. Englefield. Dud. Carleton to John Chamberlain. Was too late to find Sir Edw. Norris living, and is therefore left unprovided for. All present had something left them. Particulars of the will: Lord Norris is heir general. [*Vol.* III., *No.* 66*.]

Sept. 29. Winchester. The King to the Earl of Cumberland. Requires him to unite Sir Rich. Musgrave, Sir Ralph Gray, Sir Robt. Delavale, Sir Hen. Wodrington, and Sir Nich. Foster, with himself, to decide upon the best means of disposing of the garrison at Berwick. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 86 *A.*]

[Sept. 29.] Draft of the above. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 86 *B.*]

Sept. 29. Draft, corrected [by Cecil] of the instructions to the Earl of Cumberland, about Berwick. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 87*.]

Oct. 3? Statement by Hen. Sanderson of the increase and insolency of the recusants in Durham and Northumberland, and proposal to deal with them, either by excommunication, or by committal of the ringleaders, as ordered by the Council in the late Queen's time. [*Vol.* IV., *No.* 3*.] *Incloses,*

The Council to the Lord President of the North. The Queen thinks that the great increase of recusants is owing to the lenity lately shown to certain ringleaders. Order the principal recusants in his Government to be committed to safe custody, and prevented intercourse with each other, or with any one else. Bisham, Aug. 13, 1592. [*Ibid. No.* 3. 1*.]

Oct. 10? List of patents of stewardships and bailiwicks, granted for life by the Queen, on her jointure lands, before the sealing of Lord [Cecil's] patent as Steward General. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 12*.]

Oct. *Fuller list of the manors comprising the Queen's jointure; with a brief description of each.* [*Ibid.*, *No.* 13. 1*.]

1603.

Oct. 15. Inventory of the goods of Sir John Conway, who died on that day, at 4 A.M. [*Vol.* IV., *No.* 18*.]

Oct. 27. Warrant by Sir Roger Aston, Keeper of the Game in Greenwich, appointing Robt. Cooke, his deputy keeper. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 33 *A.*]

Oct. 28. Inventory of all the goods and chattels of the late Sir John Conway. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 33 *B.*]

Nov. ? Statement of the grounds on which [Thos.] Stephens claims the office of making bills for debts, in the Council of the Marches of Wales; with answers thereto. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 98*.]

Names of persons for whose apprehension warrants are requested, as being guilty of piracy. [*Vol.* V., *No.* 22. I.]

Dec. 31. Appointment, by Hen. Earl of Southampton, Governor of the Isle of Wight, of Thos. Worsley, of Appledercombe, and John Leigh, of Shorwell, to be Deputy Captains of the island, and of the castle of Carisbrooke, and other castles and forts, with proviso of their granting no licences for export of grain. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 23*.]

1003 ? Grant to E. D., of Ballingmarsh, and other marsh lands in Kent, gained out of the sea, as described. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 55.]

Statement of reasons to induce the King to assent to the introduction of the art of melting copper, and making brass and battery wares, in his dominions, with the conditions which the undertaker [a foreigner], requests, in order to carry out his scheme, viz., sole licence for his manufacture, permission to import his materials duty-free, or with reduced duties, &c. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 77.]

Form of the oath to be administered to every freeman of the City of London: to be true to the King; to pay his just fees; not to connive at the trading of foreigners within the city; and to take free-born apprentices, enrol them, and make them free of the city, at the end of their term. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 78.]

"The names of the Counsellers which shall be sett downe in the Instructions;" viz., Matt. Archbp. of York, Gilbert Earl of Shrewsbury, Geo. Earl of Cumberland, and many of the Nobility, and Gentry of the Northern Counties. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 79.]

1604.

Jan. 12 ? Petition of 250 soldiers, late of the garrison of Berwick, to the King, against Capt. Wm. Bowyer, said to be made Captain of Berwick; with a memorial of his crimes, corruption, cowardice, profligacy, &c., committed during the late and the present reign. [*Vol.* VI., *No.* 14*.]

Jan. 15 ? Particulars of the abuses of office committed by Sir Wm. Dethick, Garter King-at-Arms, since the period when he was York Herald. Imperfect. [*Dom. Corresp.*, *Aug.* 1, 1622, *fol.* 65.]

Jan. 21. Warrant to pay to Sir Robt. Melvin 4,000*l.*, in discharge of a debt, and in reward for service. [*Vol.* VI., *No.* 29*.]

1604.
Feb. 7. Warrant for survey of certain border lands between the rivers of Esk, Sarke, and Leven, lately inhabited by the Grahams and other disorderly persons, which are to be granted to the Earl of Cumberland. [*Vol.* VI., *No.* 53*.]

Feb. ? —— to Sir Thos. Lake. Begs him to expedite two letters which the King has ordered, viz., one to all the Bishops, complaining of the little good resulting from his former order for a general collection in behalf of the distressed churches of Geneva, on account of the tardiness in making their cause generally known; the other to the Bp. of London, authorizing him, on the death of the Archbp. of Canterbury [*Feb.* 29, 1604], to undertake the direction and receipt of the said collection in his province. French. [*Ibid., No.* 84*.]

April 7. Draft of a lease to the Earl of Suffolk of the subsidy on currants. [*Vol.* VII., *No.* 15*.]

April 14. Court at Whitehall. Lord Cecil to Sir Thos. Parry. A peace with Spain is probable, the King inclining thereto. Hen. Constable is committed to the Tower for writing letters to France, in which he disparages the Government, and says that if the King were to change religion, the whole Council would turn Papists at an hour's warning; he also invites the Pope's Nuncio in France to send over a confidential agent, to whom he would reveal still more. [*Vol.* CXC. *Imperfect MSS., No.* 2, *fol.* 25.]

April [14]. The King to —— Stallenge. Commends the suit of Sir Robt. Stewart, brother to the Earl of Orkney, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Chris. Kenne, his ward. [*Vol.* VII., *No.* 26 *A.*]

April 14. Draft of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 26 *B.*]

April 14? Form of dispensation to a Knight of the Garter, for absence from St. George's Feast. [*Ibid., No.* 27 *A.*]

April 14. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to make out 15 letters of denization at the nomination of Fras. Bothwell, with note that 15 more are to be granted to Alex. Levingston. [*Ibid., No.* 27 *B.*]

April 21. Lords Knollys and Wotton to the King. The fishmongers of London certify that the licence requested by Sir Rich. Wigmore, for bringing in barrelled fish, in moderate quantities, will be useful to the city, though contrary to an old statute. Such licences have been granted several times, by the late Queen. [*Ibid., No.* 49*.]

April 27? Part of a treatise on the unions of kingdoms, being the 29th chapter, on "Union by concurrency of the homager state with the superior; effects of such union." [*Ibid., No.* 80*.]

April 27. Westminster. The King to the Officers of the Court of Exchequer. Directions in reference to compounding for debts due to the Crown. [*Ibid., No.* 81*.] *Annexing,*

"*Brief of such things as His Majesty is pleased to relieve his subjects in,*" *in reference to the above debts.* [*Ibid., No.* 81. 1*.]

1604.

May 12 ? [Earl of Northumberland] to the King. Particulars of a feast at which the health of the King, Queen, Prince, King of Spain, and Archdukes, was drunk, and also the continuance of the peace, and that with so many ceremonies that the Puritans of the Parliament might cease making acts against the cross in baptism, the surplice, &c. [*See Jour. Commons, vol.* I., *p.* 200], "and faule to composing new bills against theas new trickes." Wishes his Majesty pleasure in his sports, and a speedy return. [*Vol.* VIII., *No.* 17*.]

[June 11.] Warrant to pay to John Spilman and Wm. Herrick 6,422*l.* 9*s.* 7½*d.*, for pearls delivered to the King's Embroiderer and others, for his Majesty's apparel. [*Ibid., No.* 68*.] *Annexing,*

Note of additional payment to be made to the Same of 1,300*l.*, *for work and jewels.* [*Ibid., No.* 68. 1*.]

July 6. Lord Cecil to John Ware. To stay any process against Sir Oliver St. John for the livery money of the late Lord De la Warr, till further orders. [*Ibid., No.* 91*.]

July ? Project [by Sir Hen. Wyndam] for reformation of abuses committed by the searchers and under-searchers in gathering in the customs, whereby the King is defrauded of his revenues. [*Ibid., No.* 139.]

July ? Directions to stay proceedings against Thos. Alabaster for debt, a protection having been granted to him by the King, in compensation for certain services. [*Ibid., No.* 140.]

Oct. ? Articles to be performed on the King's behalf, with the farmer who shall undertake the farming of the customs, in order to afford the facilities necessary for searching and gathering in the customs. [*Vol.* IX., *No.* 71*.]

Oct. ? Statement of absurdities in the recent survey, by the Commissioners of Crown Lands in Tynedale and Riddesdale, some being surveyed which belong to other owners, and the land, which is chiefly barren heath and waste, valued as though it were arable land. [*Ibid., No.* 98.]

Oct. ? List of the outlaws resident in Tynedale and Riddesdale. [*Ibid., No.* 99.]

Dec. 9. Woodstock Park. Sir Hen. Lee to Sir Thos. Lake. Solicits the reversion of the yeoman's place [in the armoury at Greenwich] for Lee Symonds. [*Vol.* X., *No.* 57*.]

Dec. ? —— to the Bp. of ——. The King's pleasure touching disobedient ministers is, that if any give hopes of conformity, their sentences of deprivation be suspended, till their offers of conformity, given in writing, have been laid before the King and Council. This is to seem to be done by his lordship's mediation, not by the King. [*Ibid., No.* 61*.]

Notes [by Sir Edw. Coke], taken from a pamphlet, applying the story of Rehoboam, &c. to the King, complaining of sundry grievances, as the purveyance of provisions for the Royal Household, taxes, increase of Popery, severity to a faithful ministry, corrupt preaching before his Majesty, subsidies, court idolatry, &c.; with a

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project suggested for obtaining redress, by separate petitions presented by noblemen, gentlemen, ministers, the Londoners, &c. With queries relative to the authorship of the pamphlet. [*Vol.* XI., *No.* 46.]

1604 ? Extracts from the journal of Vice-Admiral Sir Wm. Monson, appointed to transport the Constable of Castile to Madrid, on the carriage of the Dutch in the Narrow Seas, in not striking their top-sails to him, and threatening a Dunkirk vessel in the Downs, so that she was compelled to put into Sandwich, on which it was thought necessary to issue a proclamation on the extent of the King's right of protection. The Hollanders treated the English trading to Flanders with great cruelty, even when trading thither themselves. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 47.]

1605.

Jan. 4 ? Petition of Thos. Lane, Alderman of Norwich, to the Council. A suit is brought against him, both in the Star Chamber and before the Council, by Robt. Gibson, who was deposed from his aldermanship because he maligned him for stopping the coronation rejoicings, on account of the plague. Begs a fair hearing. With order thereon by Sir John Herbert, referring the cause to the Star Chamber. [*Vol.* XII., *No.* 3*.]

[Jan. 6.] List of the robes, &c. required for the creation of Knights of the Bath, and of the fees to be paid thereon, as settled on the creation of Knights when Prince Charles was made Duke of York. [*Dom. Corresp.*, *Nov.* 4, 1616.]

[Jan. 9.] Another copy of the King's letter to the Council, ordering their weekly meetings during his absence, &c. [*Vol.* XII., *No.* 14*.]

Jan. 10. Baynard's Castle. Lord Sydney to Sir Roger Wilbraham. Recommends the suit of a poor old gentleman whom he has long known, and who deserves well. [*Vol.* XII., *No.* 15*.]

Feb. 20. The King to the Earl of Pembroke, Lord Warden of the Stannaries. Confirms the privileges granted to the Stannaries, of freedom from certain taxation, and from any jurisdiction save that of their own court, and requires that certain attempts lately made to render them amenable to common law be put down. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 88 *A.*]

Feb. 20. Westminster. The King to Sir Rich. Smith, Receiver of the Duchy of Cornwall. Authorizes him to repay in tin, at the end of six months, 5,000*l.* lent by merchants of London named, for relief of the tinners, if the loan be not otherwise repaid. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 88 *B.*]

Feb. Proclamation enforcing the observance of former laws for the preservation of timber; no wood to be used as firewood that could be used as timber; no new house to be built within a mile of London before Michaelmas; and brick to be used for the outer walls of buildings, &c. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 97.]

April 4. Will of Sir Edw. Clere, of Blickling Hall; Sir Drew Drury and Edw. Wimark executors. Indorsed with notes of its being shown in 1611 and 1613 to divers parties, in a suit arising thereupon. [*Vol.* XIII., *No.* 54*.]

1605.

May 12? The Council to the King. Regret that his giving so much to suitors makes people unwilling to compound with them for Assart lands. Do not despair of restoring his estates, nor wish him to "live with close hands," but entreat him, for the present, to moderate his grants, and to refer suitors to them till the Parliament, when it will better appear what his resources will be. Promise to treat suitors with courtesy and despatch. [*The beginning wanting. Vol.* CXC. *Imperfect MSS., No.* 2, *fol.* 8.]

June 15. Valladolid. Sir Jas. Lindsay to the King. Is astonished at his Majesty's displeasure with him, as his loyalty is well known. Asks who is his accuser. Will return to England, and would rather die than be thought disloyal. Trusts himself to the King's honour. Has written more particularly to the Earl of Salisbury. [*Vol.* XIV., *No.* 41*.]

July? Statement of the injuries that would accrue to the realm, by decay of the Levant trade. [*Vol.* XV., *No.* 4 *A.*]

July? Statement of advantages accruing to the realm by the Levant trade, as supporting shipping, encouraging commerce and manufactures, benefitting the customs, &c. [*Ibid., No.* 4 *B.*]

July 20. Holyrood House. Council in Scotland to the Council in England. Have inquired, as directed, into the value of the two archbishoprics, now in the hands of the Duke of Lenox, which the King wishes to restore. The Duke intends to rate them highly. It will be difficult to ascertain their true worth, but if he would be satisfied with 800*l.* or 900*l.* a year, his Majesty would do well to grant it, and not to inquire too curiously into the matter. [*Ibid., No.* 12*.]

Sept.? Arguments in favour of rectifying the loss sustained by the King, on the diminution of customs on export of wool and import of cloth, owing to the quantities now made in England, by levying one half or two thirds of the import duties on the sale of new draperies at home; also by preventing the extension of the cloth manufacture. [*Ibid., No.* 60*.]

[Oct.] [Paris.] [Dud. Carleton] to Salisbury. Dangerous illness of Lord Norris. Is uncertain whether he has made a will, but if he make one, it will probably be in favour of his lady, to whom he has lately shown more than ordinary love. [*Ibid., No.* 85*.]

Nov. 7. Two drafts of the proclamation denouncing the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot. [*Vol.* XVI., *Nos.* 20 *A*, 20 *B.*]

[Nov. 7.] Statement of the duties of the office [of Master of the Ceremonies], conferred by the King upon Sir Lewis Lewkenor, in reference to the reception of Ambassadors and strangers. [*Ibid., No.* 26*.]

Nov. 8. Copy of the proclamation offering a reward for apprehension of Thos. Percy. [*Ibid., No.* 35*.]

1605 ?
Dec. ? Note [by Carleton] of a conversation with a person not named, who says he will keep his ears open for any who will confer with him; but as to worldly considerations, is resolved to save his soul, and run his chance for the rest. Imperfect. [*Vol.* XVII., *No.* 4*.]

Statement addressed to the Queen by Maurice Peeter, Fras. Constable, Hen. Moile, and Peregrine Coney, relative to the frauds used in dyeing silks; with answers to questions relating thereto. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 104 *A.*]

Opinion by the Same, that the Queen is mistaken in supposing that the Mayor of London has a prerogative, by the Charter of the City, to reform abuses in trade; and that even if he had, that would not affect the general abuse. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 104 *B.*]

Note, referred by the King to the Commissioners for Suits, of the Grievances of the Company of Mineral and Battery Works, by reason of the importation of foreign iron wire, and wool cards made of wire. With list of petitions presented to the Company thereon, by clothiers and wire-workers. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 107.]

1606.
Feb. ? Proposed conditions to be observed between the King and the French contractors for draining the fens, Cornelius Liens and Cornelius Vernuil, and others. French. [*Vol.* XVIII., *No.* 100*.]

Feb. ? Petition of the fishermen who bring their fish to London to the House of Commons, for redress against the unjust proceedings of Mark Quested and Thos. French, the King's Purveyors for Fish, who compel them to furnish large quantities, at little more than half the market price. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 130.]

[March.] Statement of reasons for paying the subsidy and alnage on new draperies; viz., to recompense the Crown for loss of custom, and rectify the deceits in their manufacture by deficiency in the length and breadth of cloths. The controversy between the Duke of Lenox, patentee, and the weavers of Norwich is to be ended; the representations in Parliament against the alnage patent are false. [*Vol.* XIX., *No.* 99*.]

April ? Answer, by the Merchant Adventurers, to the arguments in the Bill of the clothworkers of London, praying that all kinds of coloured cloths may be dressed before they are transported. [*Vol.* XX., *No.* 9*.]

April 14. Hereford. Thos. Crump to John Churchill. Parson Southall was convicted of incontinency, in the time of Westfaling, late Bishop [of Hereford], but, by influence of his then patron, Robt. Acton, escaped with a fine and confession of his fault. Gives a statement of all the lands now belonging to Ribbesford parsonage. [*Ibid.*, *No.*, 31*A.*] *Incloses,*

Presentment of Robt. Acton, as patron of Ribbesford parsonage, with a description of its lands, and the names of the churchwardens and jury, confirmed by Geo. Southall, Curate. Extracted from the visitation of Herbert [*Westfaling*], *Bp. of Hereford,* 1589. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 31 *A.* I.]

1606.

April 14? Monday. Ribbesford. And. Acton to John Churchill. Has not received rents nor sold woods to the prejudice of his title. Begs that those honest people may not be further threatened till he has spoken with him. [*Vol.* XX., *No.* 31 *B.*]

April? Depositions touching certain priests, and others, Brewster, Gerard, Scudamore, and Nicholas Owen, who were entertained in Mr. Wiseman's house, or Lady Mary Percy's, and concealed there during the searches of the pursuivants; with particulars of the property of William and Thomas Wiseman. Indorsed, "Deposition touching Lady Mary Percie." [*Ibid.*, *No.* 52*.]

May 29. Tower. Sir Wm. Waad to Sir Thos. Lake. To hasten the payment to him of 200*l.* granted him by the Lords for arrears, and in lieu of his former pension of 100 marks per ann., as Receiver and Overseer of the Cheque of Ireland. Has saved the King many thousand pounds in that service. [*Vol.* XXI., *No.* 51*.]

June? Proposition by —— to have an office of Surveyor General of the Customs created, and bestowed upon himself, when he could inform His Majesty of the true value of his customs, for his direction at their next demise, and also keep accounts of the amount of all exports and imports. [*Vol.* XXII., *No.* 21*.]

July 16? Marie de Riflart, wife of Tomasio Franceschi, to [Salisbury?]. Intreats his favour towards the liberation of her husband, for which the Spanish Ambassador has interceded with the King, who promised that, as he was not involved in blame, he should be freed. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 53*.]

July 31. Essex House. Sir Allan Percy to Dud. Carleton. Is a "jack out of office," Lord [Howard] of Walden having succeeded him. The Kings of England and Denmark are tired of each other. The Danish counsellors asked for meetings, to proceed on important business. What was done is not known; but the King of Denmark resolved to depart in a week, without any solemnity beyond the entry into the city, which was in very poor fashion. The Earl of Northampton and the Earl of Dunbar, in Scotland, are ill. The Lord Chamberlain kept back a new year's gift, sent by the Earl of Northumberland to the King, and at last returned it, as unfitting for his Majesty to receive, or for him to deliver. The Queen intends to beg the Earl's fine to pay her debts, and the Countess is trying to compound for his liberty, but is not likely to succeed. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 67*.]

Aug. Westminster. The King to the Provost and Fellows of [Oriel] College, [Oxford]. Requests them to grant to John Dacombe, servant to the Earl of Salisbury, the reversion of a lease of the rectory of Colby, co. Lincoln. [*Vol.* XXIII., *No.* 11 *A.*]

Aug. [Earl of Salisbury] to the Same. In favour of the above grant to his servant, John Dacombe. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 11 *B.*]

Aug. The Court. [The Same] to Dr. Blencow, [Provost of Oriel College]. In favour of the above grant. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 11 *C.*]

1606.

Sept. 14. The King to the Master, &c. of Trinity College, Cambridge. To grant a fellowship to Geo. Stanhope, student there. [*Vol.* XXIII., *No.* 19 *A.*]

Sept. 14. The Same to the Warden, &c. of All Souls' College, Oxford. To admit Robert, son of Albericus Gentilis, notwithstanding his being under age. [*Ibid., No.* 19 *B.*]

Sept. ? Albericus Gentilis to [Salisbury]. Nothing will be done unless the letters are written in a certain form, as Queen Elizabeth used to write them, and she always obtained her request. [*Ibid., No.* 19 *C.*]

Annexes,

Arguments to be used to induce the election [*of Robt. Gentilis to a preferment in All Souls' College, Oxford*]*; viz., his extensive knowledge of languages, his long service with his father at Oxford, his certificates from Germany, and the commendation of many nobles in his favour.* [*Ibid., No.* 19. I. *C.*]

Dec. 10. Draft of the King's letter to the Earl of Dunbar, to establish peace on the borders, &c. [*Vol.* XXIV., *No.* 19*.]

1607.

Jan. ? Abstract of the reasons why strangers should pay customs on all stuffs made of wool, at the same rate as they pay upon cloth. [*Vol.* XXVI., *No.* 2*.]

Feb. 17. The King to [the Justices of Assize ?]. Has granted to Sir Wm. Bruncard the office of Surveyor of the Issues of Jurors, which appointment is opposed by Clerks, Bailiffs, and others, for their private ends. Commands that he be allowed to have a deputy in each court, who shall be aided in the execution of the grant. [*Ibid., No.* 51*.]

Feb. 22. Draft of the warrant for the renewal of lease to the farmers of customs, corrected [by Salisbury], with variations. [*Ibid., No.* 57*.]

March 9. Westminster. Grant to Chas. Chambers, Groom of the Privy Chamber to the Queen, of the benefit of the recusancy of Kath. White, of Hutton, co. Essex, Thos. Farmer, of Cookeham, co. Berks, Rich. Godfrey, co. Norfolk, And. Blundell, co. Salop, Wm. Chamberlaine, sen., of Bewdley, co. Hants, and Thos. Gawen, of Harcote, co. Wilts. [*Ibid., No.* 81*.]

June ? Notes presented by the Clothworkers [to the Council], showing that they were injured by the Earl of Cumberland's licence for exporting undressed cloth without any proportion of dressed; that a bill in Parliament was passed in their favour; that they are much grieved by want of work; and requesting that all merchants may be free to export dyed and dressed cloths, leaving the undressed to the Merchant Adventurers, &c. [*Vol.* XXVII., *No.* 68.]

July 2 ? Edinburgh. Earl of Dunbar to [Salisbury]. Much regrets to hear of the King's suffering such pain. Will have no comfort till assured of his improvement. Has sent Mr. Primrose off to his Majesty at once. [*Vol.* XXVIII., *No.* 1*.]

1607.

July 25. The King to [Salisbury]. Confirms orders issued by the Council relating to the sale of copyhold lands, the mode of assessing the fines thereon, &c., which orders were made at the suit of many copyholders of inheritance. [*Vol.* XXVIII., *No.* 26*.]

Aug. 14 ? —— to the Council. The King wishes them to grant to a suitor [Chas. Chambers ?], whose petition is enclosed, the moiety of certain forfeitures which grow above the ordinary rate, unless the proposition be thought injurious, in which case he is to have some other grant from his Majesty. [*Ibid., No.* 32*.]

Aug. 28. John Mabell to John Churchill. The dispensation cannot come before the clerk is instituted, and will therefore be too late; a special pardonamus from the King for the clerk to hold the two benefices will now be required, but will cost little more than the dispensation, be as good in law, and not injure the patronage, for the first benefice being void in law by acceptance of the second, there are six months to present in, which can better be done by session than resignation, if the pardonamus be not obtained. Hopes the Bishop has admitted his clerk, if not, a double querell and a quasi impedit will be needed against him. With postscript by Edm. Duffield, describing the fall of Capt. [Meade] from his horse, a dinner at Auditor [Hutton's], &c. [*Ibid., No.* 38 *A.*]

[Aug. 28.] Ellis Churchill to Dr. Southall. Auditor Hutton has been ill. Sends salutations to the Bishop and Sir John Acton. Mr. Kempe will do his best to influence the Dean at a proper opportunity. [*Ibid., No.* 38 *B.*]

Aug. 29. The Same to John Churchill. He is to go to the Bishop, and present himself; there are six months to present in, and if the dispensation come before the clerk is instituted, all is well. Will bring it under the Great Seal, if possible. Mr. Kemp has joined Sir Geo. Paul with him in the business. Will see the Dean this afternoon. [*Ibid, No.* 38 *C.*]

Aug. 29. The Same to the Same. The Dean has gone to Bath. Advises him to present the clerk at once, and then Ribbesford is but lost, which is the best and cheapest way. The Bishop may put it to an action, but thinks it will turn out well. Would have paid more than the first fruits of Ribbesford will come to. [*Ibid., No.* 38 *D.*]

Sept. 3. Auditor Thos. Hutton to [the Same]. Sends him a servant, who parted well from his last master. Has been very ill since they met at Uxbridge. [*Ibid., No.* 47*.]

Sept. 19. Ellis Churchill to the Same. Has obtained the double querell with difficulty, being bound in 100*l.* that twenty-eight days are past since Mr. Southall was presented, but Mr. Mabell says the bond is unlawful, and worth nothing. Will bespeak the quasi impedit to-day. Private news. The sickness increases; 124 died of it last week. The term is likely to be adjourned. Princess Mary was buried on Thursday. Sir Wm. Stone, of Cheapside, is dead. London is very full. Wants copies of the acts on the institutions of the three last incumbents. [*Ibid., No.* 54 *A.*]

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Sept. 20? Ellis Churchill to John Churchill. Has sent the quasi impedit against the Bishop, but hopes the business may be settled without law. The attorney, Mr. Farrant, says the writ should be proclaimed in church on a Sunday. The clerks are to attend at Hampton Court this afternoon, to seal the proclamation for adjournment [of Parliament] till Michaelmas. The sickness increases. Auditor Tooke is ill. [*Vol.* XXVIII., *No.* 54 *B.*]

Oct. 3. [Ellis Churchill to John Churchill.] Has found several patents of advowson amongst his evidences, but nothing that goes against his title. The plea that general words go against the King is absurd. The term will be held, as the sickness decreases. Damaged. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 64*.]

1608.

July 24? Sir Thos. Lake to Salisbury. The papers last sent are signed and returned by Serjeant Mynours. [*Vol.* XXXV., *No.* 28*.]

Sept.? Memoranda of things to be attended to [by Salisbury?] on the approaching term; viz., Woodwards' fees; the Lord Marquis's patent; Lord Norris's mastership of Shotover and Stowe Woods; casual fines; Venables' legacy; arrears of subsidies; old debts of the Crown; reformation of inclosures and depopulations. [*Vol.* XXXVI., *No.* 64.]

Oct. 19. Articles of agreement between Sir Jas. Creichton and Thos. and Mary Phelippes, by which, Phelippes being confined and unable to prosecute his own business, Sir James undertakes the charge in trust of all his lands, &c., which are extended for his debt to the King, under promise to restore them, after payment of the debt, and of 2,000*l.* and all expenses to himself. [*Vol.* XXXVII., *No.* 19*.]

Oct. 21? "Reasons for the cherishing of the mistery," i. e., the trade of dyeing in England, showing the imperfection of the present trade, and the promises of the artists who profess to use logwood in a better manner than formerly. Indorsed "David Ramsay's petition for priviledge to dye." [*Ibid.*, *No.* 24*.]

Nov.? Another memorial of the class of grants which the King is willing to make, and of those to which he will not consent. [*Differing from No.* 76. *Ibid.*, *No.* 76*.]

Nov. 29. Receipt by John Cro from Wm. Stanner of a bond wherein Conway Bowdler stands bound in 25*l.* to Sec. Conway. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 108*.]

Dec. 3? Extracts made from memory, from the first four pages of the King's preface, being as much as is printed, of his reply to Cardinal Bellarmine. [*Vol.* XXXVIII., *No.* 4*.]

Dec. 17? Offers made by Lord Norris to his wife, in case of her returning to him, and his demands, in case they still remain apart. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 28*.]

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[The Lord Treasurer] to the Officers of Customs of the Port of London. Authorizes them to allow Sir Wm. Ryder and Sir Thos. Lake, to whom the Queen has let in farm her imposts on sugar, to collect 4*s.* on every cwt. of sugar, and 20*d.* on every cwt. of panels landed. [*Vol.* XL., *No.* 12*.]

Copy of the statement of frauds committed in the management of the navy; preceded by a statement addressed to the King, of the duties devolving on the several officers of the navy. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 87*.]

Articles of agreement between [Nicholas] Porter, of Aston-sub-Edge, and [Thos. Hanckes], of Hilcoate Bartram, co. Gloucester, relative to Mickleton, Quinton, and Clapton. Damaged. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 89.]

Notes concerning waste grounds at Aston-sub-Edge, co. Gloucester. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 90.]

1609.
Feb.? Articles to be observed by the Park Keepers and others, for preservation of the timber in the King's woods and forests. [*Vol.* XLIII., *No.* 74*.]

[April 11.] "The Key Keeper." A comic harangue of welcome to the King and Queen [*on their presence at the opening of Britain's Burse*], recapitulating the many conjectures that have been made as to the use to which the buildings were likely to be put, the nature of the goods to be sold there, &c. [*Vol.* XLIV., *No.* 62*.]

April? Proclamation recalling all copies circulated of the King's Apology for the Oath of Allegiance, on account of some variations from the original, "which do not a little pervert the sense." [*Ibid.*, *No.* 88*.]

June 23? Account of charges upon 63,000*l.* lent to the King by the City of London. [*Vol.* XLV., *No.* 144 *A.*]

June 23? Memoranda relating to the above loans, and notes of bills accepted in part assurance thereof. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 144 *B.*]

June? Reasons why Sir Hen. Savile purchased the manor of Houghton and Castleford from the merchant contractors of London, and proofs that the Queen's jointure is not thereby injured, as asserted in a petition to the Queen by ——— Shillito, who was disappointed in being prevented purchasing the manor himself. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 154*.]

July? Petition of Thos. Norton, Surveyor of Highways, to the King. Complains of the backwardness of the Justices of the Peace, appointed Commissioners for Repair of the Highways [between London and Newmarket], and hopes he will not be blamed for their neglect. Requests leave to undertake the work himself, and to compel the service of carts and labourers to complete it. [*Vol.* XLVII., *No.* 5*.]

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Aug. 13? Sir Hen. Fanshaw to John Chamberlain. Sir Ralph Winwood is made Master of Requests and Mr. Edmondes, Clerk of the Council. The King of Spain has ratified the truce [with Holland], with request that the Catholics be well dealt with. Many books burnt at Paul's Cross. Sir Dud. Diggs is called in question for buying the villainous book. [*Vol.* XLVII., *No.* 76*.]

Sept. 19. Trelhurse. John Courtenay to ——— Reskinner. Requests him to promise the next presentation to the living of Gonwallo, at the Lizard, to an honest man, not named, who is "well applauded for his sermons." With note of commendation by Edw. Courtenay appended. [*Vol.* XLVIII., *No.* 41*].

Oct. 22. Recognizance by Randall Brownsord, of Astbury, of a debt of 55*s.* to Thos. Whirrall, of Newbold, both co. Chester. [*Ibid., No.* 119*.]

Oct. 25? T. Baber to Dud. Norton. Begs him to intercede with [Lord Salisbury] that his brother [Francis] may not be appointed Sheriff, on account of his inadequate means. [*Ibid., No.* 123*.]

Oct.? Memoranda [drawn up by Sir Thos. Lake for Salisbury] of such as are suitors to be excused from the office of Sheriffs, among whom is Fras. Baber; also of those who desire to be chosen, and of such as are recommended by the Earl of Shrewsbury. [*Ibid., No.* 125 *A.*]

Oct.? Memorandum indorsed "The note of Sheriffs to be spared," [i. e., exempted from serving the office,] in cos. Rutland, Gloucester, Northampton, and Warwick. [*Ibid., No.* 125 *B.*]

Nov. 7. Release by Hen. Batson, tailor, of the Old Bailey, London, to Sir Edw. Conway, of Ragley, of all suits, debts, accounts, &c. hitherto due to him. [*Vol.* XLIX., *No.* 13*.]

Nov. 10. Robt. Perry, Deputy Feodary of Somersetshire, to Salisbury. Found Rich. Stocks, the lunatic, in an under-room, chained and ironed on a straw bed, "after the fashion of Bedlam," and ill clad. He said he had food enough, and that when he was cold, he wrapped himself in his bed-clothes. He lives in a house worth 16*l.* a year. Wm. Storr, his keeper, has no other living than the lunatic's property; he has let some of his land, and is blamed for his usage of him. [*Ibid., No.* 21*.]

Nov. 21. Release by John Ball, of Charing Cross, Middlesex, tailor, to Sir Edw. Conway, of all past debts and demands. Indorsed "A reles from Mr. Ball for 7*l.*" [*Ibid., No.* 50*.]

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Jan. 9. Warwick. Note of an inquisition held on the death of Wm. Peto, owner of lands in Luddington, Drayton, Dodwell, and Shotery. [*Vol.* LII., *No.* 6*.]

March 5. Grant by the Archbp. of Canterbury to Sir Edw. Conway, of dispensation for himself, his wife, and two others whom he may choose, to eat flesh at prohibited times, as fish does not agree with his health, on condition of his doing it privately, to avoid scandal, and paying 13*s.* 4*d.* a year to the poor of his parish. Latin. [*Vol.* LIII., *No.* 6*.]

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April 12. Thursday. Rich. Browne to Edw. Westwood. Advises him to break up his work, as a thunder clap is impending. Mason is a knave, and denies all that was reported. With Westwood's reply, marvelling at the sudden change, and requesting a meeting at Starch Hall, Wandsworth. [*Vol.* LIII., *No.* 95*.]

April. London. Sir Edw. Conway to Fras. Coniers at Ragley. Will retain certain kine which have strayed into his manor, unless they can be reclaimed by law, and will consider what is due to charity, after justice has had its course. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 135.]

May? List of the Bishops whose sub-collectors are behindhand in their payments; with note that Sir Hen. Fanshaw is to draw a commission for bringing in all those sub-collectors who are 100*l.* behindhand, as has usually been done. [*Vol.* LIV., *No.* 68*.]

May 31. Presentation of Edm. Griffith to the rectory of Llanbulan, with the chapels annexed of Llachylched, Llanvailog, Keirchiog, Tal-y-llyn, and Llanech-y-Aneth, co. Anglesey. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 82*.]

June 10. Whitehall. Earls of Salisbury and Nottingham to the Earl of Dunbar. Order has been given to send a ship and pinnace to Leith, for reduction of the Orkney rebels; but it would save great expense, if merchant vessels on the spot could be used instead. There is little hope that Parliament will grant anything proportionable to the King's extreme want. [*Vol.* LV., *No.* 19*.]

June 20. ——— to Wm. Cade. The warrant prefixed is for King's Langley, where he is officer. He is to be careful to execute it, and to sell the tops and lops to the best advantage. With note from Cade, recommending special care of the wood. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 32*.] *Prefixing,*

1. *Warrant from Lord Treas. Salisbury and the Lord Admiral to* [*the officers of King's Langley*], *to deliver to the officers of the Navy, from the manor of Langley, Hertfordshire,* 20 *loads of timber, which are required for finishing the King's ship now building at Woolwich. Whitehall, June* 15.

June. Fragment of a speech in the House [of Commons] on the subject of impositions without consent of Parliament. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 55 *A.*]

June? Notes of proverbs, memoranda, &c., touching on prerogative and parliamentary rights, [*seemingly for a speech in Parliament, partly in the handwriting of Lord Treasurer Salisbury. Ibid.*, *No.* 55 *B.*]

July 2. Memorandum of acknowledgment, by Sir Jas. Creichton, that he has received 2,740*l.* of moneys belonging to Thos. Phelippes, from the rents of Kirby Misperton, &c., and will be accountable therefor, and employ in behalf of Phelippes all sums over and above his disbursements and interest. With note, dated 1612, that 2,500*l.* of this sum was paid on mortgage by Geo. Sheirs and others, to disengage Kirby Misperton from Sir John Morley, to whom Creichton had conveyed it without Phelippes' consent. [*Vol.* LVI., *No.* 1 *A.*]

July 2. Copy of the above, without the additional note. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 1 *B.*]

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[July 4.] Preamble of the petition of the House of Commons to the King, for redress of grievances. They hope that although some existed in the late Queen's time, yet his Majesty will glory to reform them, and to forward the welfare of his loving subjects, who, by their joyful reception of him at his entrance, and extraordinary contributions since, have testified their loyalty. [*Vol.* LVI., *No.* 4*.]

[July 15.] Statement of the conduct of Hen. Spiller, in his dealings with recusants, in making grants of their lands at undervalues, &c. to his own profit, whereby he has raised himself from poverty to an income of 1,800*l.* per ann. He tampers with recusants, is their feed man, and they will pay nothing without his consent. In the late reign, he stole the commissions given to [Thos.] Felton against recusants in Cheshire and Lancashire, tried to have Felton poisoned, and procured his imprisonment; his brother, Robt. Spiller, had a hand in the Gunpowder Treason. Details can be produced in Parliament, if needful; with statement of his property, and of the names and residences of the witnesses against him, &c. [*See Journ. Commons, vol.* I., *p.* 440, *and Dom. Corresp., June* 9, 1611. *Ibid., No.* 27 *A.*]

[July 15.] Copy of a portion of the above. [*Ibid., No.* 27 *B.*]

Aug. 5. Robt. Heath to Thos. Phelippes. Is sorry that Sir Jas. [Creichton] has failed to pay the money to Mr. Wade, whose affairs being desperate, he will send him 30*l.* if possible. [*Vol.* LVII., *No.* 5*.]

Sept. ? List of county officers to be appointed for the execution of certain duties in the several counties within the Prince's liberties, viz., to make return of writs, attend to the gathering in of fines, wardships, &c. [*Ibid., No.* 81*.]

Oct. ? List of presents sent [to Sir Edw. Conway] since July 7. [*Vol.* LVII., *No.* 110 *A.*]

Oct. 22. Inventory of property [belonging to the Same] sent to London. [*Ibid., No* 110 *B.*]

Oct. 27. Complete inventory of the furniture, &c. at Ragley taken by Fras. Coniers and Wm. Clough. [*Ibid., No.* 114 *A.*]

Oct. 27 ? Catalogue of books [belonging to Sir Edw. Conway] brought from Brill to Ragley. [*Ibid., No.* 114 *B.*]

Oct. 31. News from England. The King's debts are increased by usury, by the expenses of creation of the Prince, the wars in Cleves, and the loss of 6,000*l.* a year, from abatement of impositions. Sir Vincent Skinner was released from imprisonment for debt, by his Parliamentary privilege, he being seized on the 16th day after the session, the last day of the privilege. List of the officers of the Prince's household. [*Dom. Corresp., Nov.* 8.]

Nov. 8. News from England. The contract for wardships is broken off, but the King offers, for supply of his wants, certain propositions in reference to confirmation of possession of Crown lands, penal laws,

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jurisdiction over Wales, Crown debts, &c. [*This document contains also letters of news from Brussels, Lyons, Hague, Paris, Dusseldorf, and Prague, dating from March to June,* 1611. *Vol.* LVIII., *No.* 9*.]

Nov. Inventory of household goods, &c. [belonging to Sir Edw. Conway]. [*Ibid., No.* 48*.]

Nov.? Note of appointments to the lectureships at Gresham College, and of the relative proportion of professors chosen from Oxford or Cambridge. [*Ibid., No.* 49*.]

1610? Account of the case of Dan. Archdeacon, native of Messina, who, hearing Fras. Mowbray utter threatening words against the King of Scots, challenged him to a duel, which was to take place Jan. 8, 1603, at Edinburgh, whither the combatants repaired, but Mowbray prevented it by committing suicide. The King granted Daniel a pension, and commended him to Queen Elizabeth; and, since his accession to England, has repeatedly promised him promotion, but has hitherto disappointed him. Imperfect. [*Vol.* LIX., *No.* 51.] *Inserting,*

I. *James VI. to Queen Elizabeth. Details the meritorious services of Dan. Archdeacon, and commends him to her favour. Holyrood House, Feb.* 14, 1603.

II. *Letters Patent, conferring on Dan. Archdeacon a pension for life of* 900 *Scottish marks. Holyrood House, Feb.* 14, 1603.

III. *Certificate, that Chas. Demetrius, who pronounces the above account to be faithfully translated from the French, is a public notary. London, Dec.* 14, 1603.

Treatise on the Nobility, according to the laws of England, their liberties, creation, the laws of chivalry, &c.; also on the rights of the Prince, the heir to the crown, his privileges and education. [*Vol.* LIX., *No.* 52.]

1611.

April? Whitehall. The Council to [Att. Gen. Coventry]. Request him to draw a bill for creation to the dignity of a Baronet. [*Vol.* LXIII., *No.* 65*.]

June 10. Order in the Court of Exchequer, that Lord Say and Sele, who purchased the manor, &c. of Norton, co. Gloucester, extended for a debt of 200*l.*, due by Sir Geo. Gifford to the Crown which is still unpaid, shall be allowed to extend other lands of Gifford, for a share in the payment of the said debt. [*Vol.* LXIV., *No.* 25*.]

Aug. 27. Little[cote]. Sir Fras. Popham to Sir Edw. Conway, sen. Cannot hasten the marriage of his daughter with Conway's son, because the first 1,000*l.* portion will not be ready till a fortnight after Michaelmas, the second 1,000*l.* the May following, and the third 1,000*l.* the September after. [*Vol.* LXV., *No.* 87*.]

1611?
Oct.? Statement, that the Lord Admiral at first promised the merchants of Bristol a commission and his assistance, against the pirates who recently injured them, but within a few days afterwards, he granted the commission to Capt. Mainwaring, though the merchants would have made it a better business for him than the other party. [*Vol.* LXVI., *No.* 107.]

List of such manors and lands, out of the county of Cornwall, as are held by Knight's service of the duchy of Cornwall, with names of many of the tenants. [*Vol.* LXVII., *No.* 170.]

Order, that for any alterations in the King's residences, the directions of the Lord Chamberlain of the Household shall be sufficient warrant to the officers of the works, to be then presented to the Lord Treasurer. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1663, *Undated*, *No.* 1.]

1612.
May. Copy of the treatise on the dignity and duties of a secretary, by Robt. Earl of Salisbury. [*Vol.* LXIX., *No.* 61*.]

July? Relation of occurrences in the conveyance of Kenilworth to the Prince by Sir Robt. Dudley; that the estate is worth 25,000*l.* or 26,000*l.*, but he offered to give it to the Prince, on condition of his procuring him pardon for contempt of orders; that offer being refused, he agreed to sell it for 15,000*l.*, in hope of the pardon. This the Prince failed to obtain, but Sir Robert still offered to pass the land to him, in hopes of securing it at some future time; but as the money is not yet fully paid, the Prince's claim to the estate is not held good in Chancery. [*Vol.* LXX., *No.* 17 *A.*]

July 30. Richmond. Sir Thos. Chaloner to Sir Robt. Dudley. Has done his best for him, since he resolved to submit to the King, and trust to the mediation of the Prince. Begs him to give tokens of his loyalty, to settle a competent maintenance on his lady and children, and before his return to England, to provide for those now with him, who have suffered for his sake; if he will do so, the King and Prince will gladly receive him. Incloses the conditions on which his pardon may be granted. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 17 *B.*]

Nov.? Elegy on the death of Henry Prince of Wales. [*Vol.* LXXI., *No.* 49 *A.*]

Nov. Another elegy on the death of the Prince, deploring the loss of his virtues, &c., but deriving consolation from the "two pillars," which remain, and re-embody them. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 49 *B.*]

1612? Survey of the Forest of Melksham, alias Blackmore, Wiltshire. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 107.]

Grant to the Company of Merchants trading to Muscovy, of confirmation of former charters, with prohibition to all others, Englishmen or foreigners, to trade to Greenland, Cherry Island, and other places by them discovered or to be discovered, unless admitted into the fellowship; with licence to them to exercise

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martial law during their voyages, respite of six months from payment of customs, and other privileges. [*Sign Man., vol.* XIII., *No.* 10.]

1613.

March 13. Hertford Castle. Thos. Wilson to Amb. Randolph. Wishes him to call in his moneys, as Mr. Levinus [Munck] must be paid, and a good bargain of land is to be bought, near the land which Randolph is to have from himself. [*Vol.* LXXII., *No.* 76*.]

[March 20.] Blank form of the letter of the Commissioners for defective titles, to the owners of lands called into question. [*Ibid., No.* 82*.]

March 29. Inventory of jewels, plate, linen, apparel, &c. [*belonging to Sir Edw. Conway. Ibid., No.* 96*.]

1613? Brief of abuses committed by Wm. Ward, Serjeant of the Admiralty for the Cinque Ports, and Droit Gatherer General for the Lord Warden, and by John Packenham, Clerk of Dover Castle, in embezzling the profits of wrecks at sea, usurping undue authority, &c. [*Vol.* LXXV., *No.* 89.]

Statement of dilapidations made by Thos. Johnson, in the King's manors of Kirk-oswald, Barnard Castle, Gainford, Middleham, and Kirkby-moor-side. [*Ibid., No.* 90.]

1614.

May 12. Bill, by Dan. Nys, of pictures, &c., bought for Sir Dud. Carleton, since Oct. 1613. With note of sums paid on account. Italian. [*Vol.* LXXVII., *No.* 22*.]

May 22. Princes Street. John Arundel, of Trerice, to his brother, Wm. Carnsew. Details of suits at law. Wishes the documents to be sent relating to the wardship of Steynings, and the bond made by Arundel, of Gwarnack, to Robt. Arundel. Indorsed with notes [by Carnsew] of his own private expenditure and proceedings. Imperfect. [*Ibid., No.* 26*.]

June 29. Star Chamber. Decree in the Star Chamber, in the case Sir Rich. and Lady Mary Egerton v. Sir Thos. and Rich. Brereton, Dorothy Lady Townshend, and others, in which the defendants, being previously fined in 3,000*l.*, with 150*l.* costs, for destroying the will of the late Sir Randall Brereton, Lady Egerton's father, and forging another, Sir Hen. Townshend, husband of Lady Dorothy, refused to pay the fine, as being no sharer in the offence, and brought suits in other courts against the plaintiffs. It was ordered that, to maintain the authority of the Star Chamber, power be given to levy the fine, &c. on the goods and chattels of Sir Hen. Townshend, in behalf of his wife, and that all other suits brought by him against the plaintiffs be stayed, till these moneys are paid. [*Ibid., No.* 51*.]

Oct. 11. Orders published by Lord Chancellor Ellesmere in the Court of Chancery relative to the needless length of bills, matters which are not cognizable by Chancery, issuing of injunctions and certioraris, &c. [*Miscel. Coll., No.* 8., *p.* 157.]

1614.
Oct. 11? Abstract of such matters as are determinable by the Court of Chancery. [*Miscel. Coll., No.* 8., *p.* 14.]

Oct. 11? Digest of the limitations imposed by sundry Acts of Parliament, from Edw. III. to Hen. VIII., on the authority of the Lord Chancellor of England. [*Ibid., p.* 8.]

1615.
[March.] Verses, reproving the comedians of Cambridge, because in their play of Ignoramus, performed before the King [*March* 8, 1615], they ridiculed the lawyers. [*Vol.* LXXX., *No.* 63*.]

April 25? Bill, by Dan. Nys, of pictures [*sent by Sir Dud. Carleton to the Earl of Somerset*]. Italian. [*Ibid. No.* 88 *A.*]

April 25? Inventory of the contents of 29 cases of marbles, consigned by Sir Dud. Carleton from Venice to London, addressed to John Parker, Secretary to the Earl of Somerset. [*Ibid., No.* 88 *B.*]

June 15. Receipted bill, by Edw. Blount, for 11*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, expenses incurred in insurance, carriage, cleaning, and delivery of pictures, sent from Venice for the Earl of Somerset, by [Sir Dud. Carleton's] appointment. [*Ibid., No.* 115*.]

Aug. 24. Thos. Wilson to Sir Ralph Winwood. The late Mr. Agarde has left some MSS., the labour of most of his life, including a book on the exemption of the Kings of England from the power of the Pope, abstracts of treaties, and other State matters, which Sir Robt. Cotton claims, on pretext that they were left him by will, but he was at the making of the will. Importance of having such things kept in possession of the King's officers, as otherwise they may be suppressed when most wanted. [*Vol.* LXXXI., *No.* 69*.]

Sept. Directions, collected by Lord Chancellor Egerton for the King's Counsellors, concerning the Chancery and other courts of justice; consisting of a preface, notes from statutes on the proceedings of Chancery in cases of equity and conscience, and notes on the statutes of proviso and præmunire, as they relate to Chancery and other courts of equity. [*Miscel. Coll., No.* 8., *p.* 142.]

Oct.? Relation of a curse pronounced by Osmund Bp. of Salisbury, 600 years before, on any who alienated the manor of Sherborne from the bishopric, unless he restored it; and showing the misfortunes that have ever since befallen the owners of that land, down to Sir Walter Raleigh, Prince Henry, and now the Earl of Somerset, whose fall it is feared will be great. [*Vol.* LXXXII., *No.* 131.]

Dec.? Greenwich, Friday. Barbara Lady Ruthven to Carleton. The Queen is willing to see the hangings, and wishes him to visit her next week; she is too poorly at present to see any one. [*Vol.* LXXXIV., *No.* 38*.]

1616.
Jan. 4. Thos. Wilson to the King. Was ordered by Lord Chamb. Somerset to allow no access to the State Papers without a warrant from the King or Lord Chamberlain. Asks whether he must expect

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a like course from the present Lord Chamberlain, or whether the discretionary power may be left with himself, as before Somerset's order. With note, by Wilson, of his Majesty's reply, that in all matters required by Ambassadors he is to receive a warrant from the Lord Chamberlain; in all things where secrecy is necessary, he must have the King's warrant, verbally or from Lord Hay; but as to what is wanted by Secretaries of State, Privy Councillors, &c., he may use his own discretion. [*Vol.* LXXXVI., *No.* 3*.]

April 14. Newmarket. The King to the Council. Has postponed his resolution for the delivery of the Cautionary Towns to the last moment, in hope that some other means might be found of meeting his urgent necessities, which endanger the Navy, and eat him up with interest; but if none such are found, the bargain is to be concluded on as honourable terms as possible, and the whole 200,000*l.* disposed of by Council to his best service. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 134*.]

[May 25.] Portion of the speech [by Att. Gen. Bacon] on the opening of the trial of the Earl of Somerset, being that part containing his description of the nature of the proofs to be adduced against the Earl. [*Vol.* LXXXVII., *No.* 28*.]

June. Thos. Wilson to Lord Hay. Sends abstracts of marriage treaties between the Kings of England and foreign Princes. Thinks a French marriage would be best, and hopes he will have it to negociate. Spain never makes matches but with ill ends, and only wants to divert us from France. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 85.]

July 18. Decree of the King, adopting the opinions of the Lord Chancellor and others, deciding that appeals may continue to be made from the other Courts to the Court of Chancery or Equity, for mitigation of the rigour of the Common Law. [*Miscel. Coll.*, *No.* 8., *p.* 157.] *Inserting,*

I. *Lord Chancellor Ellesmere to Att. Gen. Bacon. The King wishes him to examine and report on the precedents of Henry VII.'s time, relative to appeals made from Common Law to Chancery, with assistance of the Solicitor General and Serjeants-at-Law. York House, March* 19, 1616.

II. *Att. Gen. Bacon and others to the King. Find frequent instances of appeals to Chancery, after judgment given by Common Law, and even after execution thereof; and also that the judges themselves have advised such appeals, where a point occurred in equity which they could not redress.*

III. *Lord Chancellor Ellesmere to Att. Gen. Bacon. The King wishes him and others to consider and report upon the statutes of præmunire and proviso, in the case enclosed. York House, March* 16, 1616.

IV. *Case in which relief is sought in Chancery, from a suit of ejection in the King's Bench.*

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v. *Att. Gen. Bacon and others to the King. Are of opinion that no statute of præmunire prevents relief from Chancery in such a case; with details of the reasons for their opinion.*

July? Thos. Fulnetby to Rich. Younge. Is ordered to advance moneys for his Lord's use. The 10 dozen mearves cost 3*s.* a day; thinks some of them had better be sold; they would fetch 20*s.* the dozen. [*Vol.* LXXXVIII., *No.* 7*.]

1616? ["Historical narration of the first fourteen years of King James," being the first part of "Truth brought to light by time," published in 1651]. Headed, "A Discourse of passages betweene the Earle of Essex, Northampton and Somersett, the Countesse of Somersett, Sir Thos. Overburie, and others, with their riseings and fall; with divers others matters acted duering the late raigne of King James; and also of the Duke of Buckingham's first coming into favour." [*This part, notwithstanding the later heading, was evidently written at the time of the events narrated. Vol.* LXXXIX., *No.* 136.]

List of the principal provincial post towns of England. With note of the taking of the God-speed, of London, under Capt. Stephen Bennett, and two other vessels, by Danser, the pirate, with three large ships. [*Ibid., No.* 137.]

Instructions for the Captain of the Isle of Wight, as to training the inhabitants for defence of the isle, and as to its government. With suggestions for avoiding the inconveniences resulting from the frequent absences of the Captain and Sheriffs. [*Ibid., No.* 138.]

1617.

Feb. 6. [Lord Zouch] to Sir John Bennet, Dean of the Arches. Requests that Mr. Bestwick, of Nottingham, may have some share in the property of a near relation who died intestate. [*Vol.* XC., *No.* 50*.]

Feb. 7. Declaration by May, son of the late Hen. Long, of his intention to pay to Hen. Sherfield, of Lincoln's Inn, his father-in-law, a debt of 80*l.*, with interest. [*Ibid., No.* 51 *A.*]

Feb. 7. Acknowledgment by the Same of the above-named debt. [*Ibid., No.* 51 *B.*]

March? Grant to Philip Earl of Montgomery, of the office of Constable and Porter of Quinborough Castle, co. Kent, void by death of Sir Edw. Hoby. [*Died* 1617, *March* 1. *Sign. Man., vol.* XIV., *No.* 53.]

June 22. Leith, near Edinburgh. John R. [Sir Ant. Weldon] to ———. Invective against Scotland, satirizing its natural productions, and the food of its inhabitants. Corn is plentiful, because since the King's coming was talked of, the common people were forbidden to eat it. Opinions of the Scots on his household, &c.; they will pull down the images in his chapel when he leaves, as savouring of idolatry, but will keep the organ, as being something like a bagpipe. Descrip-

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tion of His Majesty's reception in Edinburgh; he was conducted to the High Church, where he heard a sermon an hour long. Remarks on the Scottish peers, who are educated in France in childhood; on the clergy; and on the religious opinions of the people, who laugh at all sin, if they can only "leave Rome behind them;" on the size and ugliness of the women, &c. The wonders are that the Chancellor and Master of the Rolls are well spoken of, and the Council, who judge all causes, uncorrupt. It is as great a wonder that King James should be born in "stinking Edinburgh," and "lousy Scotland," as that the Messiah should come from Nazareth. [*Vol.* XCII., *No.* 70*.]

July ? Petition of Edw. Smith and Wm. Parkinson to the King, for protection, being indicted in the Star Chamber for refusing to swear falsely, at the instigation of the Bp. of Lincoln. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

[Dec.] Another copy of the arguments [by Dr. Willet] against the marriage with Spain. [*Vol.* XCIV., *No.* 80*.]

1617 ? Requests to be made by the Recorder of London to the King, on behalf of the Grocers' Company, and of those Apothecaries who yet remain unseparated from them; viz., that he would reunite the companies by a new charter, with authority to reform abuses, or at least would not compel all apothecaries to separate from the grocers, and join the new company. With note of inconveniences resulting from the new charter; as the disabling of an ancient corporation, giving foreign apothecaries the same licence as English, and begetting confusion in other companies. [*Ibid., No.* 93*.]

Sir Thos. Lake to the Executors of Capt. Edm. Bruce. Understanding that Bruce has left papers and MSS. on matters of State, orders that an inventory of them be delivered to Thos. Wilson, Keeper of State Papers, and that they be kept safely, till the King's pleasure is known about them. [*Ibid., No.* 101*.]

Thos. Wilson to the King. Being ordered to transcribe for Mr. Vice Chamberlain [Digby] such treaties as he has on the marriages of English Princes with Foreign Consorts, has ventured to present His Majesty with a rhapsody thereon, extracted from the English Chronicles, the writings of Lord Burleigh, and the original treaties and documents in the State Paper Office. Hopes it will not be thought that he did it with a view to the Mastership of Requests which he had sued for, the book being compiled before the vacancy occurred. [*Ibid., No.* 102 *A.*]

Thos. Wilson to the King. At the death of Secretaries of State, and other great officers, it is the business of the Clerk of the papers to look over their papers, and have them delivered into the State Paper Office, to prevent their being embezzled by their clerks and servants. The ordinary papers should be brought in yearly, but for the last five years they have been kept away by strong hand. [*Ibid.*, 102 *B.*] *Incloses,*

Oath taken by Thos. Wilson, to serve the King truly as Keeper and Registrar of State Papers, at Whitehall; to pre-

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serve the papers from damage or theft; to keep secret such things therein contained as it is for the King's service to conceal; and to recover any papers or records that may be detained from the office. June 24, 1612. [*Vol.* XCIV., *No.* 102 *B.* 1.]

Petition of Sir Hen. Lee to the Council, remonstrating against the suspension of his pension. Damaged. [*Ibid., No.* 126.]

Petition of Rich. Knightley to the Commissioners of Revenue, for confirmation of a bargain which he has made with Sir Miles Fleetwood, for renewal of his lease of a portion of the honour of Grafton. [*Ibid., No.* 127.]

Petition of Sir John Poyntz, Chamberlain of the Exchequer, to the King, for the farm of fines, recognizances, &c., to be levied by Green Wax summons of the Pipe, and other process. Will pay the average profit, and 500 marks per ann. additional. [*Ibid., No.* 128.]

Discourse, by John Selden, addressed to Lord Keeper Bacon, on the "ancient mention, conjunction, or division of the two great offices of state, the Chancellorship and Keeper of the Great Seale of England." [*Miscel. Coll., No.* 8, *fol.* 1.]

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[Jan. 8.] Statement of proceedings in Council, on the attempts of certain members of the Turkey Company to carry away their goods before paying customs. The Lord Mayor and others were charged to assist the officers of Customs, and the currants then at the Custom House quay were sent to the King's storehouse, till all the duties should be discharged. [*Vol.* XCV., *No.* 9*.]

Jan. 10. York House. Edw. Sherburn to Carleton. Sir Robt. Naunton is sworn Secretary. Will try to procure regular payment of Carleton's allowance, but money is not to be had. Knows not how the King's wants can be supplied without a Parliament. The Masque on Twelfth Night was poor, and Inigo Jones has lost reputation, for something extraordinary was expected, as it was the first in which the Prince ever played. [*Ibid., No.* 10*.]

[Jan.] Account [by Nicholas] of money received and expended, during a visit of his mistress to the west country, by Mr. Lower. [*Ibid., No.* 52*.]

Jan.? Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford, to Jas. [Montague], Bp. of Winchester. Rejoice in the fact that their college is specially under the protection of the Bishops of Winchester, and congratulate him and themselves, though late, on his possession of the see. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 65.]

Jan.? The Same to Lord Chancellor Bacon. Thanks for his promise to restore to them Stanton, the gift of their first founder, and regret that fortune deprives them of the benefit of the promise. Praise his courtesy in granting, and even in refusing favours, his learning, munificence, and equity, which have delivered him from the tooth of envy. Latin. [*Ibid., No.* 66.]

1618.

March 1. Thos. Wilson to the King. Requests directions about applications for papers made by the following persons: the Earl of Ormond for a copy of an order of Queen Elizabeth, confirming to his ancestors certain royalties in Tipperary claimed by the Earls of Desmond; Mr. Trumbull, for copies of treaties between England and Burgundy, prohibiting the printing in either state of seditious books that may concern the Princes of the other; the Heralds, for precedents on the place of President of the Council; Sir Robt. Cotton, for subscriptions and signatures of Princes and great men, attached to letters otherwise unimportant, as he is collecting such for curiosity's sake. Requests orders for delivery into the State Paper Office of Sec. Winwood's and other papers. With note, dated March 3, that the King's answer was, to grant the requests of Mr. Trumbull and Sir Robt. Cotton, but to refuse those of the Earl of Ormond and the Heralds; also that the papers should be delivered to the office, as requested. [*Vol.* XCVI., *No.* 41*.]

March 7. Whitefriars, London. Sir John Throgmorton to Carleton. Has tried, at request of the Secretary of Middleburg, to influence Lord Chamb. Pembroke and others of the Council, in favour of the Merchant Adventurers remaining at Middleburg; as the King dislikes the removal, and is to hear the case himself, it will probably go right. Sir And. Sinclair is come, as authorized Ambassador from the King of Denmark, to challenge the sovereignty of Greenland. Great sums are offered for the Chancellorship of the Duchy [of Lancaster], but his Majesty will not move from his promise to Sir Hum. May. Bp. Abbott, of Salisbury, is dead, leaving behind him, in the press, an excellent work against the Arminians, which the King will have dedicated to himself. [*Holl. Corresp., March* 7, 1618.]

March 13. Whitehall. Sir Thos. Edmondes to [Carleton]. Did his best to recommend Carleton for the Secretary's place, but the person who absolutely possesses the King's favour disposed of it otherwise. There has been great canvassing for the Chancellorship of the Duchy. Sir Hum. May is appointed, by mediation of the Lord Chamberlain and Countess of Bedford with Buckingham. Commissioners are appointed to examine the expenditure of the King's household. The charge is to be lessened, some say by abating the diets, others by reforming abuses. His Majesty is impatient for retrenchment, for his debts are 800,000*l.*, and his expenditure exceeds his income by 120,000*l.* His former affronts disincline him from a Parliament. Relief is hoped from the Spanish treaty, but there are great delays. The French Ambassador embroils us with France, out of displeasure that he was not invited this year to the Masque, and he has been recalled. The King is unwilling for the Merchant Adventurers to remove from Middleburg, till he can procure ample privileges for them at Amsterdam; he wishes to retain the affection of the Zealanders, the Hollanders having dealt crossly with him, since the surrender of the Cautionary Towns. Tobie Matthew is banished, either to the north or out of the realm. [*Vol.* XCVI., *No.* 59*.]

June? "The charges of Mr. Brett's fine," in law expenses, office fees, &c.; total 3*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* [*Vol.* XCVII., *No.* 143.]

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Sept. ? Estimate of the annual charge of the Navy, including the ships at Chatham, the maintenance of two ships and two pinnaces on the coasts, and the repair of two ships, or the building of a new one, yearly. Total, 24,625*l.* [*Vol.* XCIX., *No.* 100.]

Oct. 31 ? Two epigrams on Sir Walter Raleigh; beheaded when he was 74 years of age. [*Vol.* CIII., *No.* 61*.]

Nov. ? Sol. Gen. Coventry and [Sir Thos. Wilson] to the King. The Stationers' Company allege against [Marin Boisloré's] petition, that they hold, by the charter of incorporation of Philip and Mary, power to make laws for themselves; that they have ordained that nothing should be printed without their previous sanction, and have usually given the printing [of briefs] petitioned for to their poorer members. Consider that the King's prerogative authorizes his granting the privilege requested, but question its expediency, being so small a matter and settled already. If granted, it should not be to Boisloré, who is an alien, but to others by his assignation. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 114.]

Dec. 9 ? Verses by the King upon the Comet, ridiculing those who think that it portends the Spanish match or a change of religion. [*Vol.* CIV., *No.* 16*.]

1618 ? Warrant to the Chancellor and Chamberlains of the Exchequer, to deliver to Sir Thos. Wilson, Keeper of State Papers, an exemplification of the will of King Henry VIII., remaining in the Chapter House, Westminster. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 48*.]

Petition of Wm. Clarke to the King, that the Commission appointed for surveying, and converting into freehold copyhold lands at Barking, in Essex, which has been injuriously delayed, may be put into operation, and that he may have a lease of certain concealed lands there. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 49*.]

Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Explains the official errands which brought him, three times lately, into the gallery of Whitehall Palace, by which he has incurred His Majesty's displeasure. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 91*.]

1619.
Jan. 12. Office of the Papers. Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Congratulates his Majesty and himself, on the fortunate preservation of the State Papers from fire that day, by their being lately removed to other rooms. They "had not sustained so much hurt as the loss of a blank paper." The prophetic spirit which induced his Majesty to order their removal, and thereby to prevent a terrible calamity, could only be equalled by his "prophetical presage of the blow" in the Gunpowder Treason. [*Vol.* CV., *No.* 20*.]

Jan. 30 ? Extracts from a book of the late Lord Chancellor Ellesmere, relating to cases wherein is no help in Chancery. [*Miscel. Coll.*, *No.* 8., *fol.* 17.]

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Jan. 30? Rules and orders to be observed in Chancery, in reference to returns of injunctions; writs for sheriffs; suits for the Commissioners for Charitable Uses or those of Sewers; granting of commissions for bankruptcy, or delegates; admissions to sue in formâ pauperis, licences to collect for losses by fire, and exemplifications of patents, &c.; with note that, should these rules prove inconvenient, alterations or additions will be made from time to time. [*Ibid., fol.* 168.]

Jan. 30? Ordinances, 101 in number, made by the Lord Chancellor, for the better and more regular administration of justice in Chancery, which are to be duly observed, saving the prerogative of the Court. [*Ibid., fol.* 170.]

[Feb. 2.] List [by Sir Thos. Wilson] of Knights made since his own creation, [*July* 20, 1618. *Vol.* CV., *No.* 73*.]

March 10. Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Reminds his Majesty that, on his first visit to the State Paper Office, seeing the number of Irish papers, he said there was more ado with Ireland than all the world beside. Intends, in conjunction with some others experienced in Irish affairs, of whom Sir Jas. Ley is one, to continue the history of Ireland, which now ends in 1584, and asks licence to communicate the needful papers to his fellow workers. Has sent the preface and introduction to Sec. Calvert as a specimen, and begs his Majesty's approbation. [*Vol.* CVII., *No.* 18*.]

March 21. Probate of the will of Hen. East, of Saunderton, co. Bucks, dated May 9, 1616; Joseph Mayne and Edw. Alcock, executors, and Dorothy Mayne, executrix. [*Ibid., No.* 47*.]

May 13. Description of the funeral procession, interment, &c. of Queen Anne. The Prince preceded the hearse, on which was laid a crowned, robed, and sceptred image of the Queen. The Countess of Arundel followed, as chief mourner. The Archbp. of Canterbury preached the sermon, from Psalm cxlvi. [v. 3]; after which, the offerings were made, the white staves of the household broken over the grave, &c. Latin. [*Vol.* CIX. *No.* 31*.]

[June 21.] Notes [by Robt. Heath] for a speech—made at the election of two new Sheriffs for London, Mr. R. D. and Ja. C. [Rich. Deane and Jas. Cambell],—on the privileges of the City in being permitted to choose its own Mayor and Sheriffs, the diligence and discretion of the last Sheriffs, the recommendations of those now chosen, &c. [*Ibid., No.* 104*.]

July 31. Locke to Carleton. The Chancellor [of the Exchequer] will sign no warrants till money comes in, though he pities Carleton's case. Mr. Murray will take it ill, if suit is made for Eton till he is otherwise provided for. The picture of the Creation will be sent this week. Lord Digby goes to Court, to wait in the place of the Lord Chamberlain, who is going to Scotland. [*Ibid., No.* 161*.]

1619.
Aug. 7. Hatton House. Hen. Lord Danvers to Carleton. Wants to have, instead of Rubens' Creation, some work of his fit for a small room, such as Carleton's Daniel in the Lion's Den. The King wishes to increase his amity with Scotland by a visit there, with many of his Court. The Spaniards are angry with the bonfires made on the conclusion of the treaty [with Holland], about the East India trade. [*Vol.* CX., *No.* 11*.]

Sept. ? Petition of Jas. Glover, Walter Southwell, and Geo. Young, of Canterbury, to Lord Zouch. Two bags of nutmegs, for which they paid duty, were unjustly seized as uncustomed, by Edw. Kelk, customer of Sandwich, who has gained over Middleton, one of their partners. Pray that Kelk and Middleton may be compelled to answer their bill, and pay costs. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 85*.]

Oct. 5. Petition of Sir Thos. Wilson, Keeper of State Papers, to the Commissioners of the Treasury, for allowance and payment of his accounts for transcribing and translating treaties during the past five years, for his disbursements about his office, and for his six weeks' service in attendance on Sir Walter Raleigh at the Tower. With order thereon, granting the petition. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 104*.]

1619 ? Petition of Sir Jas. Cunningham to the Council. A new Scottish East India Company, established by patent, made provision for a voyage to Greenland; but was ordered to relinquish the voyage, at the petition of the Muscovy Company, on condition of their making compensation for the charges. This they have hitherto delayed to do. Requests redress. [*Vol.* CXI., *No.* 125*.]

1620.
Jan. 25. Account of receipt of rents, &c., and of payments, by Ed. Bedingfield, on behalf of Sir Owen and Lady Smyth, since Jan. 29, 1618. Indorsed is a draft of verses on receipt of a letter from a friend, containing classical similes, &c. [*Vol.* CXII., *No.* 33*.]

[May 16.] Epithalamium, [by Sir Hen. Goodere,] addressed to the Marquis and Marchioness of Buckingham, on their marriage. [*Vol.* CXV., *No.* 34*.] *Annexed are,*

I. *Love round, signed William Sk.*

II. *Love verses to a lady unnamed.*

July 9. Grant to Jas. Chambers, of the Office of Physician in Ordinary, for life. [*Grant Bk., p.* 313.]

July 19. Commission to Sir Ant. Poole to take up hawks. [*Ibid.*]

July 20. Special commission to Sir Robt. Mansell to be Admiral and Captain-general of certain ships, and to take up men for furnishing the ships. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 7. London. Phil. Burlamachi to [Sec. Conway]. Forwards a packet received from Sec. Calvert. French. [*Vol.* CXVI., *No.* 64*.]

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Oct. 11. Strand. Nich. Burton to Wm. Carnsew. No one is come up to make an affidavit touching his lady's commission. Sir Oliver Cromwell is at Hinchinbrook, and the King will be there next week. Was falsely accused some time ago, by Godolphin, of stealing the Prince's plate. Regrets not having asked his Majesty for 1,000 or 2,000 acres of Lethrum lands, but thought them of little value. The Earl of Rutland has cured many persons of the stone, by misletoe. The King declared with much passion that he would go himself to recover the Palatinate, rather than it should be lost. The general loans will not supply the Bohemian wants. Some say a Parliament will be summoned; others talk of a new rate from the Lords, the Prince having offered 10,000*l.* a-year during these wars, the Earls in the Council rating themselves at 1,000*l.*, Viscounts 1,000 marks, and Barons 500*l.*; Baronets are to pay 300*l.*, Knights 200*l.*, Esquires 100*l.*, and Gentlemen proportionably; Bishops 500*l.*, and Deans 300*l.* The King rails against Spinola, and says he will demand his head, Some one said it would not be yielded; to which his Majesty replied. "Then I wish that Raleigh's head were again on his shoulders." [*Vol.* CXVII., *No.* 10*.]

Dec. 27. Grant to Sir Lionel Cranfield [Master of the Wardrobe] of such moneys as remain unexpended, of the 20,000*l.* per ann., allowed for the wardrobe. [*Grant Bk., p.* 313.]

1620? Endymion Porter to [his mistress, Olive]. Judges by her salutation in the park that she cares not for his love or sorrow. Is ill; and on account of this, and of an accident to his lord, whose horse fell, has been unable to get the letter her mother wished for. [*Vol.* CXVIII., *No.* 74*.]

Proposals of [Ambrose Randolph?] and his wife, that her father [Sir Thos. Wilson] should give them 200*l.* per ann., lend them 400*l.*, and settle Hackney House upon them. [*Ibid., No.* 76 *A.*]

Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Has been hindered in his work for two years past, by the sudden removal of the papers from the place where they were so well settled, to their present straight and inconvenient room. Has been some time engaged in compiling the history of the revenues of the Great Princes of Europe, and particularly of England, and the means for augmenting the same, but is unable to complete it, for want of the papers of the two last Lord Treasurers, Dorset and Suffolk; solicits a warrant for their delivery into the State Paper Office. [*Ibid., No.* 76 *B.*]

Petition of the inhabitants of Stepney Parish to the Council, for a pass for Ursula, wife of Steph. Stokes, of the above parish, to visit her husband, resident at St. Lucar, in Spain, with her child. [*Ibid., No.* 97*.]

Notes from records, dating from 1594 to 1620, to prove the exclusive right of the English to the fisheries on the coasts of England and Scotland, and that any share thereof permitted to the Dutch or French, is matter of licence and privilege, and not of right. Two copies. [*Ibid., Nos.* 144, 145.]

1621.

Jan. 11. Patent constituting Sir Thos. Coventry Attorney General, during pleasure. [*Grant Bk., p.* 313.]

Jan. 24. Special commission to Fras. Lord Verulam, to make out commissions to such Justices and officers of ports as he shall think fit, for taking an oath from all who pass beyond sea. [*Ibid.*]

[Feb. 8.] Proviso to be added to the bill against informers, that it shall not be prejudicial to the jurisdiction of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. [*Vol.* CXIX., *No.* 86*.]

Feb. 28? Petition of Sam. Hide, Bailiff of Seaford, to Lord Zouch, not to grant letters of assistance for the discharge of Geo. Copper, who escaped from his custody, being imprisoned for a debt which the petitioner will otherwise have to pay. [*Ibid., No.* 128*.]

Feb. Wm. Hunton to Nicholas. Has told Ned Erbery that Nicholas' father would leave him about 400*l.* a year, give him 100*l.* a year present maintenance, and a jointure for his wife suitable to her portion; hopes the mother would give 1,500*l.* with her younger daughter, as she did with her elder, married to Ned Erbery. [*Ibid., No.* 136 *A.*]

Feb.? Susan Nicholas to her brother Edward. Private affairs. Sends him a powder for the stone. [*Ibid., No.* 136 *B.*]

April? Petition of Thos. Harrison to the Committee of the House of Commons, complaining of being imprisoned for three years by the High Commission Court, without obtaining a hearing, and of neglect of his offers to Sir Robt. Naunton, to discover the evil practices of pursuivants, in receiving large bribes from priests and Jesuits for their non-appearance, and freedom from prosecution of their bonds; for conniving at their escape, &c.; ten particulars of which offences are detailed. [*Vol.* CXX., *No.* 127.]

May? Petition of [the Spanish Company?] to the Council, to be excused the second assessment [against pirates?], the merchants and ship owners declaring their disability to pay it. [*Vol.* CXXI., *No.* 32*.]

May 17. Grant to John Bland and others of the sole transportation of tin, in cos. Devon and Cornwall. [*Grant Bk., p.* 309.]

June 4. Another copy of the declaration of the House of Commons to the King. [*Vol.* CXXI., *No.* 77*.]

June 11. Whitehall. Order in Council,—on the petition of the House of Commons for free trade of the outports in new draperies into Germany and the Low Countries, as debated with the deputies of the Merchant Adventurers, to whom that trade was previously granted;—that the outports have henceforth permission to export new draperies thither, provided they sell them only in the towns where the Merchant Adventurers sell, and that protection be given to the latter by Parliament against interlopers of London, who might avail themselves of this order to their injury. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1622, *March* 19.]

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June 14. Sir Thos. Delves to Mr. Carter. Is crossed about receiving his late brother's debts and goods, and therefore cannot pay the money till Michaelmas Term. Hopes the delay will be pardoned. [*Vol.* CXXI., *No.* 103*.]

June 18. Grant to Jas. Beaulieu of the office of French Secretary, for life. [*Grant Bk., p.* 309.]

June 21. Grant to Thos. Beale of the office of Remembrancer in the Court of Wales, for life. [*Ibid.*]

July ? Treatise, addressed by George Narberry to the Lord Keeper, on the abuses in the Court of Chancery, and their remedies. [*Vol.* CXXII., *No.* 56*.]

Aug. ? Endymion Porter to his wife. Professes fidelity and love. Sends her a bribe obtained this progress. [*Ibid., No.* 104*.]

Nov. 24. Winchelsea. Declaration of the right of Edw. Nicholas, as Combaron of the town of Winchelsea, to all the privileges and immunities, as recapitulated, granted by the Kings of England to the inhabitants of the Cinque Ports. [*Case A., James* I., *No.* 3.]

Nov. 28 ? Notes of a Speech in the House of Commons [by Sir Thos. Edmondes]. Regrets that, instead of proceeding with important business, complaints are made of the King. The dispute has arisen by jealousy on their parts of their liberties, and on his Majesty's part of his prerogative. What he has done and is prepared to do shows his wish to satisfy the people. The defence of the royal issue must now be attended to, and treaties having failed us in reference to the Palatinate, the business of the day must be to make good former engagements, and resolve to support his Majesty's honour. [*Vol.* CXXIII., *No.* 132*.]

[Dec. 19.] List of 94 patents or bills sent from the Lords to the Commons, or from the Commons to the Lords [*during the Parliament of* 1621. *With annotations by Sir Robt. Heath. Vol.* CXXIV., *No.* 58 *A.*]

[Dec. 19.] List of patents objected against as grievances in Parliament. [*Ibid., No.* 58 *B.*]

Sir Thos. Wilson to Buckingham. Promised his Lordship some yearly fruits of his labours. Sent him one year all he could find relating to the office of Lord High Admiral; another year, a collection of documents on the office of Earl Marshal; now offers him an analytical table of the state, government, and revenue of England, compiled from the State Papers. *Ibid., No.* 92*.]

Petition of Wm. Nichols to Council, to take speedy order for reformation of abuses in the sale of wood coal, in London and Westminster and the neighbourhood, which abuses he is ready to prove, and to propose remedies for. Visct. Mandeville took the cause in hand when he was Lord Chief Justice, but his removal put a stop to it. [*Ibid. No.* 101 *A.*]

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Petition of Wm. Nichols to Council. The above-named abuses are encouraged by the corruption of the City officers, who are bribed by the sellers of fuel. Three of these were imprisoned for it, but are again liberated. Intreats, that, if the abuses be not redressed, he may at least be compensated for the loss he has sustained in prosecuting the cause. [*Vol.* CXXIV., *No.* 101 *B.*]

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March 1. Theobalds. The Prince to Sir John Walter. Orders him to draw a grant to Spencer Lord Compton of the office of Keeper of his Wardrobe. [*Vol.* CXXVIII., *No.* 4*.]

March 19. Whitehall. Order in Council, on petition of the Eastland merchants, that they may treat with Dantzic, or any other place in the Baltic, for their removal thither from Elbing, the bar at that place having grown so shallow that their vessels have to unload into small boats, and they having to pay there double tolls to the King of Poland and Duke of Prussia. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 59*.]

June 12. Greenwich. Patent conferring the honour of Knighthood on Hieronimus Landi, three years Venetian Ambassador in England, with an addition to his arms of a border gules, charged with lions of England. Latin. [*Vol.* CXXXI. *No.* 28*.]

July 7. Deposition of Sir Edw. Greville, defendant, in a suit brought against him, by Mary Essex, widow, that he sent to Robt. Essex in response to a letter, 40*s.* and a cloak of his own. [*Vol.* CXXXII., *No.* 16*.] *Annexing,*

Robt. Essex to the Same. Has neither meat, drink, nor decent clothing. Begs a loan of money that he may get out of town. Has no other help. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 16*. I.]

Oct. 11. London. Sir Fras. Nethersole to Carleton. A great number of superfluous justices of peace are to be retrenched, and letters are written to suppress alehouses and moderate the strength of beer, barley being likely to become the chief food of the poor this year. News of the peace made in France. [*Vol.* CXXXIII., *No.* 44*.]

Oct. 18. The Same to [the Same]. News of the misfortune happened to Mr. Porter. A post was sent to Calais to carry forward his despatches, but Porter has orders to follow when he is able, which causes a suspicion that the King has given him private commissions, differing from those resolved on by Council, especially as he has himself sent letters by Porter, written with his own hand, of which none know the contents. The Lord Admiral and Marquis Hamilton are said to have brought something from his Majesty, in a sudden visit they lately made to town. [*Germ. Corresp., Oct.* 18, 1622.]

Nov. 2. London. Sir Fras. Nethersole to Carleton. The King is averse to a Parliament. A Commission is issued to examine into the abuses of fees in the Courts, both civil and ecclesiastical, and another to examine the causes of the decay of trade, and their remedies; matters which some think are fitter for a Parliament, and that their being done by Commission, argues there will be none: others think they are

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to prepare the people's minds for a Parliament. Copies of the Commissions are to be sent into the country, to show the people his Majesty's care over them. The Prince had a dangerous fall at Hinchinbrook, but was not injured. [*Germ. Corresp., Nov.* 2, 1622.]

Nov. 20? Heneage Finch, Recorder of London, and other [Commissioners for delivery of prisoners in Newgate], to Sir Art. Aston. Give the names and offences of 28 prisoners in Newgate, who are fit for foreign service. [*Vol.* CXXXIV., *No.* 20*.]

1622? Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Is bound by his oath of office to try to recover, for the State Paper Office, all papers detained from it, but has hitherto failed in recovering those of the French and Latin Secretaries, since Lord Salisbury's death, and those of the Irish Commission, the Earl of Somerset, and Sec. Winwood. There being now rooms assigned for the papers at Whitehall, begs that orders may be given for their delivery. [*Vol.* CXXXV., *No.* 14*.]

The Same to [Buckingham]. Sent him a book on the Admiralty, at his first becoming Admiral, another on the Earl Marshalship, hoping he might be Earl Marshal, and also a table of all State business relating to England. Cannot ascertain whether he has ever seen any of these laboriously compiled works. Sends him now a tract collected by others, on his own private affairs. [*Ibid., No.* 15*.]

Petition of John Cotterell, Post of Newmarket, to the Council, that Frances Perkes, widow, Jas. Sibley, her servant, and others, may be summoned before them, to answer for wrongs inflicted on him, by their spitefully setting forth post-horses, with horn and guide, contrary to his appointment as carrier of posts and packets. [*Ibid., No.* 22*.]

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Jan. 10. Sir Thos. Wilson to the King. Asks whether he may allow the Earl of St. Albans to have such papers of the reign of Henry VIII. as he requests; and also begs for directions to Sir Robt. Naunton to deliver his papers into the State Paper Office. With minute of the King's answer, granting both requests. [*Vol.* CXXXVII., *No.* 13*.]

Jan.? Sir Oliver Cromwell to the King. Has proved his fidelity by asking no more for his house [Hinchinbrook], which his Majesty wishes to buy, than a penny for a pennyworth. Begs payment, either in money or land, as his creditors are pressing, and his friends begin to think him out of favour. Is old, and has to sustain the children, now grown up, whom he has bred for his Majesty's service. [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

Feb. 14. Certificate addressed by Wm. Palfrey, steward of the manor of Dunkeswell, alias Bowerhayes, to the Prince's Council, by their orders, of the state of that manor, with details relating to the tenantry, and his own proceedings as steward. [*Vol.* CXXXVIII., *No.* 33*.] *Inserting,*

Petition of the Same to the Same, that he may be allowed wood and fuel in lieu of 36*s.* 8*d., arrears of salary due to him.*

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Feb. 22. Statement of the case between Mary, daughter and heir of the late Sir John FitzKnight, and widow of Sir Chas. Howard, who died Sept. 27, 1622, and Wm. Counton and Wm. Forster, concerning the right of Sir Charles to sell to the defendants the woods on his estates at Hornacot, Cornwall, and at Lewisham, Kent, which by an indenture, between Sir Charles and Lady Howard, the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, and Wm. Thomas and Wm. Forster, were left to Lady Howard for life, in case she survived her husband. [*Vol.* CXXXVIII., *No.* 56*.]

Feb. 26. Commissioners of the Navy to the Lord Treasurer. Unless 570*l.* be presently paid to the Lieutenant of the Ordnance, for 206 new carriages to be made for the ships, the service must fail, because of the shortness of time. [*Ibid. No.* 94*.]

April 1. St. Martin's Lane. Sec. Calvert to Sec. Conway. Thanks for his vindicating his honour from that indiscreet captain [Sir Rich. Bingley]. Will despatch the relation of the Prince's entertainment in due form, as commanded. Bonfires are made to-night in London and Westminster, by order from Council. [*Vol.* CXLII., *No.* 7*.]

[April 8.] Petition of John Stradford, of London, to the Council, for protection for 12 months, being much hindered, first by planting flax, which the Netherlanders now bring in ready dressed, and then by planting tobacco, the sale of which, when grown in England, is forbidden by proclamation. [*See Dom. Corresp., March* 14, 1627. *Ibid., No.* 41*.]

[April 24.] [Sec. Conway to Buckingham.] The fleet is ready, and only waits the signal of the Navy Commissioners to launch. The Lord Treasurer has acquitted himself nobly. The proportion of victuals and diet will be resolved on to-day. The Earl of Rutland's commission is to be offered for signature. Capt. Love is sailing, and with him Sir John Wentworth, with letters and jewels for his Grace. Love is then to join the fleet at the Groyne or Bayonne. Wishes to know how many will return in the fleet, that diet may be provided accordingly. Damaged. [*Vol.* CXLIII., *No.* 60*.]

April 27? Request by Mary Lady Leek, that Sec. Conway will prevent Nich. Hampson from passing away his extent upon the manor of Hawton by Newark, till he is informed of the losses which she and her son would thereby incur. [*Ibid., No.* 76*.]

[June 25.] Petition of Thos. Cockayne, late Under Sheriff of Middlesex, and Mary, widow of Fras. Standish, to the Council, that, as Sir Nich. Poyntz is now retaken, according to the warrant granted on their former petition, he may be committed to Newgate, and all suits undertaken against them for his previous escape from custody may be stayed. [*Vol.* CXLVII., *No.* 57*.] *Annexing,*

Petition of the Same to the Same. Sir Nich. Poyntz, prisoner in the King's Bench, was removed, on a mutiny, to Newgate, was thence ordered back to the King's Bench,

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but escaped on the road thither, from the charge of Cockayne, against whom two of his creditors, Geo. Huntley and Tim. Smith, now bring an action for his escape; entreat a warrant for the re-imprisonment of Poyntz, and stay of the suit. [*Vol.* CXLVII., *No.* 57*. I.]

July 29. Edinburgh. Certificate of the entry and registration in the Council books of Scotland of a bond, whereby John Irving of Cabishell, Gentleman Usher to the Prince, acknowledges the receipt of 2,000 Scottish marks from Charles Pertay, and binds himself to repay the same. [*Vol.* CXLIX., *No.* 95*.]

July 30. Certificate by Auditor Fras. Curl, that he is unable to judge whether the dower fine of 570*l.*, imposed on Alice Countess Dowager of Derby be rightly imposed, and giving details of all the lands granted to the Stanley family since Hen. IV., with particulars of their settlement by Edward, third Earl of Derby, in order to show which are liable to her for dower. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 98*.] *Annexing,*

Pedigree of the Stanley family, from the time of Henry IV. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 98*. I.]

Aug. 5. Bond of Fras. Gurney, of London, in 100*l.*, to indemnify Sir Owen Smyth, of Irmingland, Norfolk, from any loss which might accrue to him for becoming surety for a debt of 50*l.* to Sir Hamon le Strange, of Hunstanton, Norfolk. [*Vol.* CL., *No.* 26*.]

Oct. 20. Rome. Pope Urban VIII. to Jas. Redoch, pupil of the Scottish College at Rome. Authorizes him to return to Scotland, to preach the Gospel and the doctrines of the Romish Church; exhorts him to abstain from heretical assemblies, even for the purpose of argument; and to be faithful to his mission, to the death. [*Vol.* CLIII., *No.* 80*.]

Oct. Dan. Sheldon to Sec. Conway. Has paid instalments of several bills. Appends the account of the disbursement, on Conway's behalf, of 23*l.*, and of the household expenses of the past week. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 111*.]

Dec. 1. Arundel House. Earl of Arundel to the Earl of Middlesex, Master of the Wards and the rest of the Council of Wards and Liveries. Requests that the commitment of Thos. Tildesley, a ward granted to him, may be given to the ward's grandmother, Anne Preston, and two others, and also the lease of his lands. [*Vol.* CLV., *No.* 1*.]

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June 12. Bond of Sir Owen Smyth, of Irmingland, Norfolk, in 40*l.*, to pay 20*l.* to Anne Gooch, widow, of St. Giles' in the Fields, Middlesex. [*Vol.* CLXVII., *No.* 51*.]

Aug. 1. Whitehall. Proceedings in Council, on attendance of the East India Company; with their replies to the King. They desire dissolution of their partnership with the Dutch. Leave to erect forts in all places where the Dutch have not sovereignty, and protection therein; declaration, that if full satisfaction be not received for the late and any future outrages, the losses will be retaliated on the Dutch trading through

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the Narrow Seas; and also that a Dutch ship, now in Plymouth, worth 60,000*l.*, and others soon coming, may be stayed. To the latter it was objected, that the day by which the States were to return a satisfactory answer had not yet come, and therefore such a step would be unfitting. As to the King's offer to encourage them by becoming a partner, "they rather endeavoured mannerly to waive it than to lay hold on it." They were dismissed with encouragement to go on cheerfully, and assurances of protection. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1625, *Jan.* 28.]

Aug. 23. Lease from Wm. Rolfe, vintner of London, to Lancelot Gledhill and Thos. Brackenbury, of certain coal mines near Wakefield. [*Vol.* CLXXI., *No.* 67*.]

Sept. 17. Hampton Court. Order in Council,—with approbation of the King, and on recommendation of the Committee appointed to consider the reparation due for the Amboyna massacre,—that as the tortures inflicted on the English were barbarous and unprovoked, and are proved by persons some of whom were themselves tortured, and as all demands for reparation have hitherto been responded to only by fair promises the Lord Admiral be commanded to issue letters of reprisal, for seizure of the ships of the Dutch East India Company, to remain in his Majesty's hands until satisfaction be given. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1625, *Jan.* 28.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Copy of the letter from the Council to the Lord Admiral, for letters of reprisal on the Dutch East India ships. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 28. Whitehall. Order in Council—on report of the East India Company upon the answer given by the Dutch East India Company, whereby it appears that they have no purpose to give satisfaction for wrongs committed in the East Indies, especially the Amboyna massacre,—that all fair courses for reparation having been taken and failed, the Ambassador in Holland shall declare the King's dissatisfaction with the answers, and his resolution to execute the orders given for righting the Company. [*Vol.* CLXXXII., *No.* 62*.]

March 7. Fragment of a court roll, admitting John and Chas. Innys as tenants of lands belonging to the manor of Castle Hedingham. Latin. [*Vol.* CLXXXV., *No.* 24*.]

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ADDENDA.

*** *The following Records and Papers, chiefly legal, being discovered after the preceding portions of the Addenda had gone to press, are placed in Supplemental Volumes.*

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1603.
April 20? 1. Memorial of the controversy between Lawrence Burlamachi and Sigismund Franchetti and Bartram Rogues, relative to a debt owed to the plaintiffs by the late Juliano Inngee, which the defendant was authorized to pay, but failed so to do.

1603? 2. Pedigree of the Royal Families of England and Scotland, from the time of Edw. III.

3. Statement of the cause of Rich. Blount v. Dan. Curtis, in reference to a lease of two thirds of the lands of Wm. Wyborne, recusant, granted by the late Queen to the defendant, then revoked and granted to the plaintiff; the defendant fraudulently obtained a second lease of them, under other titles, which lease the plaintiff conceives to be void.

4. Statement of the cause between the King and Margaret Lady Hawkins, as to whether a legacy of 2,000*l.*, left by the late Sir John Hawkins to Queen Elizabeth, if she would receive it, but which she declined to receive, could justly be claimed on behalf of the King.

5. Legal opinions that answers to criminal articles are not made upon oath, unless the fact be first proved. Also, opinions in reference to a college lease, as to whether a third of the tithes should be reserved to the use of the college, according to the statute 18 Eliz., or only 10*l.* paid, as ordained by the founder of the college.

6. Satirical verses on James I., contrasting his poverty in Scotland with his luxury in England; the burden of each stanza being "Then bonny Scott wel witness can, 'Twas Ingland that made thee a gentleman."

1604?
[Oct.] 7. Note of moneys paid into the Exchequer by the receivers of Norfolk and Huntingdon, in the Easter and Michaelmas terms, 200*l.* each term being given for the King's household.

1604? 8. State of the cause between Wm. Typper and Wm. Dutton, relative to the ownership of the manor of Sherborne, co. Gloucester, held by the defendant, but claimed for the plaintiff as belonging to the Crown.

9. Reasons of the withdrawal, by Lord Chief Justice Anderson, of part of the profits of the office from —— Combe; with answers thereto, showing the unreasonableness of fees for errors and cer-

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1604? tioraris being paid to Lord Chief Justice, he being the very person by whose default they may arise.

10. Copy of the above.

Star Chamber. 11. Breviat of the Star Chamber cause between Edw. Rogers and Sir John Harrington. Lady Rogers having left by will her goods and chattels at Bath to her daughter, Mary, Lady Harrington, and all her residuary goods to Fras. Rogers, the latter accuses the former of conveying money, plate, &c. away from the lady's residence at Cannington, both before and after her death, and burning her evidences. With the defendant's replies.

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May 13. 12. Order in the Court of Chancery, in the cause of Wm. Turner v. Nich. Hamlin and others, that all the evidences on the lands contested between them be delivered to a Master in Chancery, and that either party may proceed to law. Damaged.

May 13. Clerkenwell Green. 13. Arguments in favour of the King's absolute right to confer knighthood on whomsoever he pleases, irrespective of rank; with examples from history, English and foreign, and confutations of the arguments of "Advocate" or "Censurer" on the other side, dated March 1, 1605; by Anti-advocate Fras. Thynne, Lancaster Herald. With a letter from him to a friend, transmitting the answer for his opinion. Imperfect.

[May 13.] 14. Copy of two leaves of the above.

June. 15. Note of moneys paid in the Hanaper and Petty Bag Offices, during the month.

July 24. Windsor Castle. 16. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Rich. Powles, Sir Hen. Billingsley, Sir John Norris, and others, tenants of the King, in Bray, Sunninghill, Binfield, Old Windsor, and Egham, all belonging to Windsor Forest. Latin.

Aug. 16. Brigstock. 17. Like inquisition of lands held by Augustin Fish, Sir Wm. Samuel, Sir Robt. Hartwell, Sir John Ouseley, Sir Edw. Montague, Sir Thos. Tresham, Sir Wm. Stafford, and others, the King's tenants, belonging to [Rockingham] Forest, co. Northampton. Total, 2,125 acres; fines, 2,575*l.*; rents, 16*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* Latin. Mutilated.

Aug. 24. Huntingdon. 18. Like inquisition of assart lands held by Sir Rich. Dyer, Sir John Spencer, Sir John Lawrence, Sir Oliver Cromwell, Sir Thos. Lake, Sir Edw. Montague, and others, the King's tenants, all belonging to Weybridge and Saxley Forests. Total, 1,229 acres; fines, 1,112*l.*; rents, 8*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.*

1605? 19. Notes on the Star Chamber cause relating to the right of tithes of Arreton Farm, Isle of Wight, contested between Sir Thos. Fleming, who claims the farm as of inheritance, and Alex. Popham, who claims it as part of his lease, it being included by express words therein. Drawn up in behalf of the latter.

20. Statement of the cause between Lord Norris, who was instituted by his grandfather, [Thos.] Lord Dacres of the South,

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heir in remainder of all his land, and Lady Dacres, who impleads Lord Norris in Chancery for taking unjust advantage of the power given him over the lands by his enfail. His Lordship is willing to answer in Chancery, provided he be not hindered from proceeding by common law, in trying his other suits with Lady Dacres.

21. Effect of the bill of Lord and Lady Dacres against Lord and Lady Norris, relative to lands bequeathed by the great grandfather of Lord Dacres to the former, the right to which is challenged by the latter, on the ground of a deed which was concealed and cunningly kept from them.

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Aug. 1. Egham. 22. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Rich. Furbanch, Sir Fras. Wolley, and others, belonging to the forest of Windsor. Total, 97 acres; fines, 70*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*; rent, 11*s.* 9*d.* Latin.

Aug. 18. Geddington. 23. Like inquisition of lands held by Sir John Dyne, Lord Mordaunt, Lewis Tresham, and others, in the forests of Saulcey, Rockingham, and Whittlewood, co. Northampton. Total, 1,645 acres; fines, 1,680*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*; rents, 9*l.* 1*s.*

Sept. 30. Westminster. 24. Lawyers' Book of Precedents, containing, amongst other miscellaneous matter, a letter from the King to the bailiffs and burgesses of Oxford, signifying that Rich. Good, chosen by them as their mayor for the ensuing year, has taken the oath of service, and requires them to admit him to the privileges, &c. of the said office. [*fol.* 33 *b.*]

1606? 25. Recital of the cause contained in the petition of Edw. Dighton against Sir Robt. Jermyn, and Thos. Dighton, complaining of a suit entered against him by Sir Robert, for non-performance of the covenants made on the marriage between Thos. Dighton and Margaret, daughter of the late Sir Ambrose Jermyn. With the answers of the defendants.

26. Arguments, by Rich. St. George, Norroy, to prove from pedigrees that Sir Rich. Champernon is heir general to Chas. late Earl of Devonshire, and not —— Baker, who claims the heirship.

27. Minute of a grant to Visct. Haddington of the office of Keeper to the forest and chace of Aylesholt and Woolmer, and manor of Wordleham, co. Hants; with account of grants of the same office made since 18 Eliz.

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April 9. Devizes. 28. Inquisition of survey of the value and extent of lands held by John Ward, and others, in Melksham Forest, co. Wilts. Total, 70 acres; fines, 104*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; rents, 12*s.* 10*d.* Latin.

May? 29. Bill in the Court of Chancery of Fras. Morgan, of the Middle Temple, against Thos. Prece, of Wollaston, co. Northampton, for trying to defraud him of the right of presentation to the Church of St. Peter's, town of Northampton, and Chapels of Kingsthorpe and Upton,—the lease whereof he purchased from the Hospital of

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1607. St. Katherine's, in the Tower,—on pretence of having contracted with him for the same.

May 7. 30. Answer of Thos. Prece to the bill of complaint of Fras. Morgan, in reference to the aforesaid right of advowson, sold by the plaintiff to the defendant.

May ? 31. Brief in the Chancery cause of John Cock, clerk, plaintiff, v. Fras. Morgan, relative to the right of advowson to the Church of St. Peter's, Northampton, with the Chapels of Kingsthorpe and Upton.

May 14. 32. Answer of Robt. Baynard to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to Blackwell's Ham Meadows, co. Wilts, held by him, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to Chippenham Forest.

1607 ? 33. Note to reduce Troy weight into Avoirdupoise, and Avoirdupoise into Troy; also of the weight of 2,000 lbs Troy, "delivered, by order of the Lords of Scotland, for a ton of ure." Indorsed by [Salisbury], "Difference between Troy w^{t} and Haver de poix."

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1608.
Jan. 12. Twyford. 1. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart land^{s} held by Lady Stapleton, Sir Edw. Hungerford, Sir John Ernley, and others, the King's tenants, in Chippenham and Melksham forests, co. Wilts. Latin.

[Jan.] 2. Bill, by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Hen. Lord Mordaunt and others, relative to lands called Oteland, Shooter's Hill, &c., claimed by them, but belonging to the King's forests of Rockingham and Saulcey, co. Northampton, as to which they have refused to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

April 29. 3. Particulars of lands held by Sir Wm. Doddington in Goddeshull and elsewhere, which are to be compounded for.

May 9. 4. Bill in Chancery, by Robt. Hall, of Bishopthorpe, York, and Thos. Smith of Cambridge, against John Lambe, of Spratton, co. Northampton, for impeaching their interest in the grant to the late Phil. Stringer of the registrarship and actuaryship of the diocese of Peterborough.

May ? 5. Answer of John Lambe to the bill of complaint of Robt. Hall and Thos. Smith, relative to their claim in the aforesaid registrarship.

May ? 6. Bill in Chancery by John Lambe, against Robt. Hall and Thos. Smith, in the above cause.

May 19. Wokingham. 7. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Sir Jas. Mervin, Sir Ant. Mildmay, or Lady Stapleton, and

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others, the King's tenants, in Chippenham and Melksham forests, co. Wilts. Total, 590 acres; fines, 754*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; rent, 3*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* Latin.

May ? 8. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Jas. Mervin, relative to lands forming part of the manor of Compton Basset, Wiltshire, claimed by him, but belonging to the King's forest of Chippenham, alias Melksham. *Annexing,*

8. I. *Grant by Edw. VI. to Sir John Mervin of purchase of the manor of Compton Basset, part of the jointure of Catherine* [*Parr*], *late Queen of England, for the sum of* 952*l.* 2*s.* 2¼*d.*

8. II. *Account of the revenue of the manor of Compton Basset,* 3 E. VI. VI.

8. III. *Breviate in the cause of Jas. Mervin v. Lady Mervin, Wm. Gill, and John Rivers; arguing, from the depositions of witnesses, that Lady Mervin and her accomplices had forged the will of the late Sir John Mervin, in order to alter the disposition of his purchased lands, including Compton Basset.*

[May.] 9. Note of moneys paid into the Exchequer for the tenements of the late Wm. Bird, and of payment to the same of 600*l.* by Thos. Strowde, for the rectory of Stoke, co. Somerset, &c.

[June.] 10. Answer of Thos. Goddard, defendant, to the bill of the Attorney General, respecting the possession of the manor of Canterton, and other lands, in New Forest, co. Hants, claimed as belonging to the Crown. Damaged.

July 20. Romsey. 11. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Ant. Battyn, Sir Geo. Wriothesley, Sir Rich. Mills, Hen. Earl of Southampton, and other tenants of the King, in the New Forest, co. Hants. Latin.

Aug. 8. 12. Note of moneys received for assart lands at and since Easter 1607; total, 5,020*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, and of expenses thereon, and payments made therefrom.

Sept. 28. 13. Note of payments made to Art. Ingram, for his services in reducing the customs in Ireland to better order.

1608 ? 14. Table of sums severally due from or paid by numerous noblemen and noblewomen, in the King's Remembrancer, Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and Pipe Offices, in the Court of Wards, and to the seven Auditors of the Exchequer.

15. Similar, but longer list of sums paid by noblemen and noblewomen, deceased as well as living, to the several officers of the Exchequer; with the names arranged alphabetically.

16, 17. Notice of a survey of the manors of Beesby, Thursthorp, and Sutton, co. Lincoln; with the names of the tenants, amount of rental, &c. Two papers.

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18. List of 60 juries impannelled in causes specified, in the autumn assizes in Suffolk.

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1609.

Jan. 12. Hartley-row. 1. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Wm. Cowthe, Sir Wm. Webb, Sir Walter Long, Sir Edm. Ludlow, and others, the King's tenants, in the New Forest, co. Hants. Latin.

May 28. 2. Answer of Wm. Perkins to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to Burchame's and other lands, co. Gloucester, held by him as part of the manor of St. Briavel's, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to the Forest of Dean.

[June.] 3. Bill, by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Oliver Skinner and Fras. Wren, relative to messuages held by them near the great ditch in East Smithfield, but claimed for the Crown. With answers of the defendants.

Aug. 10. Hartford Bridge. 4. Inquisition of survey of lands, held by Sir Fras. Dowse, Sir Hen. Wallop, Sir Geo. Wriothesley, and others, in the New Forest, co. Hants. Total, 607 acres; fines, 247*l.* 10*s.*; rent, 1*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* Latin.

Sept. 26. 5. Depositions of Nich. Hill and Wm. Lewen, of London, in answer to a list of interrogatories prefixed, relative to the estate left to Anne Babington by her late husband; an award made by her with Robt. Bromley; her disposal of certain portions of the property in payment of certain creditors; her possession of a sixty-fourth of the farm of the great customs, &c.; in the case Wm. Beecher v. Anne Babington.

Sept. 29. St. Stephen's, 6. John Bingley to [Lord Treas. Salisbury]. Sends a half-yearly account of the Exchequer, made up. The balance, with the receipts due the next half-year, and not forestalled, will amount to 19,980*l.* Mr. Eldred and his partners request allowance of 693*l.* 15*s.* for interest and expenses. Has received the goshawk from Ireland, "a very fair and sound bird," and will send it where his Lordship directs. Some Dublin merchants, who have brought orders from the Treasurer-at-War in Ireland for payment of moneys borrowed from them for the service, are much distressed that they cannot have their money, the 1,900*l.* assigned for them not nearly sufficing; requests a warrant for 2,000*l.* more. *Incloses,*

6. I. *Account, by John Bingley, of moneys to be paid into the Exchequer during the next half year, for which no tally is yet struck; total* 19,980*l.* *Sept.* 29, 1609.

Nov. 22. 7. Grant to Edw. Bates and Henry Elwes, of London, of the manor of Limbey, co. Notts, now in tenure of Sir John Byron.

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Jan. 14. 8. Answer of Edm. Eme, of Howle, co. Hereford, to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to Rywardine Closes, co. Gloucester, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the Forest of Dean.

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[Jan.] 9. Bill of Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir John Dormer, Sir Geo. Typping, Lady Tyrrel, Sir Wm. Clarke, Sir Wm. Burlacy, and others, for wrongfully withholding from the Crown Addingrave and other lands belonging to Barnwood Forest, co. Bucks, they having refused to compound for them with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

[Jan.] 10. Like bill against Sir Wm. Pope, and others, for withholding Northley, and other lands, belonging to the forest of Whichwood, co. Oxford. [*See Vol.* CXCIV., *No.* 6.]

[Jan.] 11. Like bill against Sir Hen. Lee, and others, for withholding Abbot's Woods, and other lands belonging to the same forest.

[Jan.] 12. Like bill against Edw. Winchester, and others, for withlding Lowbery, and other lands belonging to the same forest.

[Jan.] 13. Like bill against Robt. Webb, and others, for withholding Taston Sartes, and other lands belonging to the same forest.

Feb. 1. 14. Order in the Court of Exchequer,—in the cause of the Attorney General v. Oliver Skinner and Fras. Wren, for intrusion into messuages in East Smithfield, &c., belonging to the Crown, on plea of the charter of Hen. VI., granting all waste land in London to the City, which was afterwards resumed—that the King, wishing to show all favour to the City, orders the case to be no further proceeded in, unless the Attorney-General, after due inspection of proofs to be brought by the City in favour of their claim to the wastes, shall see good to prosecute it.

Feb. 3. Indenture whereby Thos. Forcer, of Harber-house, Durham, engages to convey the manors, farms, &c., in Harber-house Kellow to Sir John Claxton and Wm. Carr, of Cocken, in the same county, reserving only the power to grant leases in the said manors. [*Vol.* CXCI., *No.* 24, *f.* 9.]

Feb. 3. Declaration of the conveyance of the above property, with memorandum, dated April 4, 1610, that the tenants of the same "did attorne" for their leases, by payment of a penny to Sir John Claxton and Wm. Carr, and that the latter were put in quiet and peaceful possession of the tenements, &c. [*Ibid., f.* 10.]

April 4. Old Stratford. 15. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Sir Art. Throckmorton, Sir Moyle Finch, the Earl of Exeter, and others, belonging to Whittlewood Forest, co. Northampton. Latin.

April 4. Stoney Stratford. 16. Like inquisition of lands held by John Mabley, Sir Alex. Hamden, and Sir John Dormer, belonging to Saulcey and Barnwood Forests, co. Berks. Imperfect.

May 10. 17. Brief of the cause between Sir Wm. Cooke and the burgesses of Gloucester, stating the reasons why he should have a lease of the fines in the hundreds of Dudstone and Barton Regis, which are claimed by them. [*See Dom. Corresp., vol.* LIV., *No.* 34.]

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[May 23.] 18. Petition of the House of Commons to the King, against his message and speech, permitting them only to discuss the quantity, time, and proportion of impositions laid by him, but forbidding their disputing his prerogative of imposing; such prerogatives, concerning directly the rights and interests of the subject, must be discussed in Parliament, and the distress of the people on account of the new impositions makes such discussions necessary. Damaged. [*Printed in Commons' Journ., Vol.* I., *No.* 431.]

[May.] 19. Bill of Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Augustin Belson, and others, for withholding Hoford Close, and other lands, &c., in Barnwood Forest, co. Bucks, which belong to the Crown, and for which they refuse to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

[May.] 20. Payments made in the Exchequer [by the Receivers of Counties], from Easter, 1606, to Easter, 1610.

[June.] 21. Bill of complaint of Rich. Barfield v. Lady Anne Catesby, of Ashby Sedgers, co. Northampton, accusing her of recusancy, and absenting herself from church and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Latin.

[June.] 22. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Hobart, against Sir Roland Lacy, and others, relative to Lowbery, and other lands held by them, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to Whichwood Forest, co. Oxford, and to the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester.

Sept. 29. 23. Note of payments into the Exchequer by Wm. Rand, Collector of Customs for the port of Hull, since Easter, 1607, being 100*l.* a year.

[Oct.] 24. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Hobart, against Sir Geo. Chaworth, and others, relative to Annesley, and other lands, co. Notts, held by them, but claimed for the Crown as part of Sherwood Forest.

[Oct.] 25. Like Bill against Sir Hen. Pierrepoint, and others, relative to Thursby Fields, and other lands, claimed as belonging to Sherwood Forest, co. Notts.

1610? 26. Detailed description of the duties of the several officers of the Exchequer, from the Lord High Treasurer to the Messengers. With the articles of union of the late Court of Augmentations, and also of the late Court of First Fruits and Tenths, to the Exchequer at Westminster.

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1611.
March 15. Henley-on-Thames. 1. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Ralph Sheldon, Thos. Whiting, and Richard White, the King's tenants, belonging to Whichwood Forest, co. Oxford. Latin.

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March ? 2. Bill of Att. Gen. Hobart, inthe Court of Exchequer, against Wm. Seawale and others for withholding certain lands, &c. in Whichwood Forest, co. Oxford, claimed by them, but belonging to the Crown. [*See vol.* LXII., *No.* 59.]

April 2. Oakham. 3. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by John Lord Harrington, Sir Thos. Burton, Sir Edw. Noel, and others, belonging to Lyfield Forest, co. Rutland: total, 506 acres; fines, 152*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*; rent, 1*l.* 3*s.* Latin.

[April.] 4. Bill in the Court of Exchequer of Att. Gen. Hobart v. Olive Lady Stapleton, George Lynne, sen. and jun., and Thos. Kirkham, relativ to Close Wood and other lands held by them, but claimed for th Crown as belonging to Melksham and Rockingham Forests, co Wilts.

April ? 5. Quotations of patents of Edw. I., II., and III., to prove that the dignity of Knights Banneret is hereditary by implication. [Indorsed by Salisbury.]

April ? 6. Queries relating to the order of Baronets; whether they are to be considered a new order, or only have the privileges of Knights Bannerets; also as to their precedence over Knights Bannerets.

June 12. Westminster. 7. Injunction against impleading Gavin Shipwith in the spiritual courts of the bishopric of Lincoln, for non-payment of tithes to Sam. Willingham, rector of the parish of Stane, co. Lincoln.

[Oct.] 8. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Hobart, against Sir Edw. Carr, relative to Brockhole and Shortwood, parish of Upton, co. Hants, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as assarted from the King's Forest, lying between Stamford and Oxford.

Nov. 4. Serjeants' Inn. 9. Brief in the cause of Att. Gen. Hobart against Thos. Goddard, respecting the right to the manor of Canterton, claimed for the Crown as belonging to the New Forest, co. Hants.

Nov. 10. Account of moneys paid in from the lands of Ant. Charneley, recusant, of Lancashire, since May 1609.

11. Brief in the cause in the Exchequer between Barnard Parker and Otho Mawdit, and others, who have caused a grant to be passed to Angel and Walker of houses erected by him in St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on the false pretext that they were erected before the lease of those lands was passed, and that not being mentioned therein, they are concealed lands.

1611 ? 12. Brief of the King's title to the woods and lands called Pirton Purlew, in the Forest of Dean, claimed by Sir Edw. Winter, as part of the manor of Lydney, and of Sir Edw. Winter's title; with objections thereto.

13. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir John Spencer, relative to the lordship of Alconbury and other lands, cos. Cambridge and Hunts, being about 10,000 acres, held by him, but claimed for the Crown.

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1612. 14. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Hobart, against Sir Chas. Cavendish and others, relative to Bare hagg and other lands, co. Notts, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Sherwood Forest.

1612. Jan. 20. 15. Answer of Thos. Cludd to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting Arnold well close and other lands owned by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Sherwood Forest, co. Notts.

[Jan.] 16. Answer of Sir Hen. Pierrepoint, defendant, to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting Thursby Field and other lands held by him in Nottinghamshire, which are claimed for the Crown. Imperfect.

[Jan.] 17. Answer of Sir John Byron, defendant, to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting Colwick, Bulwell Park, Little and Great Odam, and other lands owned by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Sherwood Forest, co. Notts. [*See vol.* CXC., *Nos.* 52, 53.]

[Jan.] 18. Answer of Robt. Stables to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to Mapperly Close, purchased by him from Sir John Byron, sen. and jun., but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Sherwood Forest, &c., co. Notts.

April 15. Oundle. 19. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Sir Ant. Mildmay and others, belonging to Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton. Total 255 acres; fines 200*l.* 10*s.*; rent, 2*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* Latin.

June 2. Chippenham. 20. Like inquisition of lands held by Olive Lady Stapleton, belonging to Melksham Forest, co. Wilts. Total, 50 acres; fine, 36*l.* 6*s.*; rent, 1*s.*

July 29. Hartford Bridge. 21. Like inquisition of lands held by Sir Geo. Philpott, belonging to New Forest, co. Hants. Total, 800 acres; fines, 85*l.*; rent, 5*l.* 7*s.*

1612? 22. Statement of the case of —— Dumne, minister of St. Benedict parish, Gracechurch Street, London, v. Rich. Burrell, one of the inhabitants, as to the amount of tithes to be paid by him, the rate of tithes payable in London being settled by Act of Parliament, 37 Hen. VIII., at 2*s.* 9*d.* per 20*s.* rental. He holds a shop in that parish at a nominal rental of 5*l.*, and wishes only to pay tithes according to that rate, although he pays 25*l.* yearly by way of fine for the premises. The query is, what amount of tithes he should pay?

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Jan. 12. Winchester. 1. Inquisition of survey of lands held by Sir Edw. More, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to Melksham forest. Total, 210 acres; fines, 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; rent, 3*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Latin.

[Jan.] 2. Bill in the Court of Exchequer by Att. Gen. Hobart against Wm. Norden, Edw. Baynton, Robt. Flower, and others, for intrusion into the right of common of the pasture grounds of Rowde Hill, belonging to the Crown, as part of the forest of Melksham, alias Blackmore, co. Wilts.

Jan. 30. 3. Affidavit of Theoph. Montgomery, on behalf of the defendant, in the Exchequer cause prosecuted by Otho Nicholson against Geo. Lynne, jun., in reference to closes in Southwick, co. Northampton, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Rockingham Forest.

[Jan.] 4. Demurrer of Geo. Lynne, jun., to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting Flascote Lees and other lands held by him, and claimed for the Crown as belonging to Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton. [*See vol.* CXC., *No.* 48.]

[Jan.] 5. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Exchequer Court, against the Earl of Salisbury, Lord Cavendish, and others, for withholding lands in cos. Northampton and Huntingdon, belonging to the King's forests of Whittlewood, Saulcey, Sapley, and Sherwood, for which they have refused to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

[Jan.] 6. Answer of Sir Wm. Pope, defendant, to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting Northley Closes and other lands in Oxfordshire, held by him, and claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the late monastery of Northley. [*See vol.* CXCIII., *No.* 10.]

April 10. 7. Answer of Robt. Burgogne to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart relative to the manor of Levinge and other lands, co. Hunts, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the King's forest between Stamford or Oxford.

April 13. 8. Answer of Geo. Lynn, jun., to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to Flascote Lees and other lands, co. Northampton, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Rockingham Forest. [*See vol.* CXC., *No.* 48.]

April. 9. Answer of Thos. Palmer to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart relative to the right of common claimed by himself and other inhabitants of Carleton, in lands, co. Northampton, claimed for the Crown, as part of Rockingham Forest.

[April.] 10. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Thos. Bulson, for withholding lands in Worcestershire, claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Wyer Forest, as to which they have refused to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

May 9. 11. Answer of Robt. Flower to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to a right of common in the pasture-ground of

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Rowde Hill, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as part of Melksham alias Blackmore Forest, co. Wilts.

June 14. 12. Order in the Court of Exchequer, in the cause of the Attorney General v. Geo. Lynne and Thos. Kirkham, relative to lands in Rockingham Forest, permitting the defendants,—who plead that their cause is not ready to proceed by bill and answer—to examine witnesses, and to proceed by rejoinder and replication; with proviso, that, unless they compound with Mr. Nicholson within a fortnight for the lands, they shall not do so afterwards, should the cause be decided in favour of the Crown.

[June.] 13. Replication of Att. Gen. Hobart to the answers of Fras. Kirkham and Geo. Lynne, affirming that the lands held by them in Wiltshire belong to the Crown, as part of Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton.

[June.] 14. Rejoinders of Thos. Kirkham and Geo. Lynne, jun., to the replication of Att. Gen. Hobart, in the aforesaid case.

[June.] 15. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart in the Court of Exchequer against Sir Chas. Morrison, Sir John Byron, Sir Roger Ayscough, and others, for withholding Bulwell and other lands, claimed for the Crown as belonging to Sherwood Forest, co. Notts, for which they have refused to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

Aug. 3. St. Neot's. 16. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands, held by Sir Edw. Carr and others at Washingly and elsewhere, belonging to the forest between Stamford and Oxford, co. Hunts. Total, 509 acres; fines, 165*l.*; rent, 1*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* Latin.

Aug. 4. Oundle. 17. Like inquisition of lands held by Mountjoy Blount, Sir Chris. Hatton, and others, belonging to the forests of Clive, Rockingham, Saulcey, and Whittlewood, co. Northampton. Damaged.

Aug. 12. Oundle. 18. Like inquisition of lands held by Thos. Kirkham, belonging to Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton. Total, 1,300 acres; fine, 700*l.*, rent 2*l.* 14*s.*

Sept. 6. Chippenham. 19. Depositions of Wm. Bush, of Nethermore, co. Wilts, and numerous other persons, in the cause of Hen. Blake v. Otho Nicholson, testifying, in behalf of the defendant, that the feeding for the deer in Chippenham and Melksham Forest, is as good or better since the enlargement of the rails; that the trees cut down by him were appropriated to the rails or to repairs; that he did not summon a jury from a distance who could not know the cause, &c. Imperfect.

[Oct.] 20. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir Thos. Whorewood, Gerard Whorewood, and others, relative to Bullareyne Closes, and other lands, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the King's forest of Morffe, co. Salop.

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1613 ? Dec. 12. 21. Answer of Wm. Marshal to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to the ownership of Sywardsley Wood and other lands, co. Hunts, held by him as tenant of John Lawrence and Lord St. John of Bletsoe, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the King's forest.

1613? 22. Arguments to prove that a deed produced by Lord Paget, dated March 6, 1568, by which Chas. Paget, now deceased, entailed certain lands upon his brother Thomas, father of Lord Paget, is false ; with request that the King would grant the lands to the other claimants, to avoid the trouble of their maintaining their right by law.

23. Statement of the cause of Ant. Roper, relative to the manor of Weston, co. Derby, left by Wm. late Lord Paget to Chas. Paget his son, and by him conveyed to his niece Mary, wife of Ant. Roper, with reasons why the King should grant Mr. Roper's request for confirmation of his title to the lands.

24. Bill by Att. Gen. Hobart, in the Court of Exchequer, against Ambrose Gray, and others, for withholding Fox meadow and other lands in Staffordshire, claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the forest of Kinfare, as to which they have not compounded with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

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1614. Jan. 17. 1. Answers of Sir Thos. and Gerard Whorewood to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to assart lands owned by them, and claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the forests of Morffe and Kinfare.

Jan. 26. 2. Answers of Hum. Whitwick, Rich. Sitdown, alias Pearce, and Walter Mason, to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, relative to the manor of Tettenhall, co. Stafford, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Kinfare Forest.

Jan. 26. 3. Answer of Fras. Wightwick to the above information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting his right in the manor of Tettenhall, Wightwick, and other lands, co. Stafford, for the forest of Kinfare.

[Jan.] Order in the Court of Exchequer, that the bond taken by the Sheriff of Suffolk to answer for the improved value lately certified of two thirds of the possessions of Thos. Sulliard, recusant, of Grundisburgh, be cancelled, and the Sheriff discharged, the lands being already granted to Wm. Ashton. [*Vol.* CXCI., *No.* 24, *pp.* 2, 3, 5.]

[Jan.] Like order for cancelling of bond and discharge for the Sheriff of Lincoln, relative to the manor of Claxby, and other lands, belonging to Wm. Fitzwilliams, recusant, which have been granted to Sir John Fitzwilliams. [*Ibid., p.* 4.]

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Feb. 7. Serjeants' Inn. 4. Mr. Noye's brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Wm. and Thos. Linley, respecting the ownership of Skegby and other lands belonging to Sherwood Forest, co. Notts.

[Feb.] 5, 6. Note of moneys paid to the Prince on account of the manor of Killingworth, from July to Sept. 1612, and since then to —— Stone. Two papers.

April 23. 7. "Parcel orders, 11 Jas. I." being notes of moneys paid to persons specified, by the four tellers of the Exchequer, since Oct. 20, 1613.

July 7. 8. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Bacon, against Sir Hen. Baynton and others, owners of the manor of Bromham and other lands, co. Wilts, relative to a right of common claimed by them, but belonging to the Crown, as part of the forest of Kinfare.

July. 9. Account of moneys paid into the Exchequer by Wm. Rand, collector of customs for Kingston-upon-Hull, since Michaelmas, 1605.

Sept. 28. 10. Memoranda relating to payments to the Lieutenant of the Tower, Peter Vanlore, the Lord Admiral, &c.

Oct. 24. 11. Order in the Court of Exchequer, that the cause of the Att. General v. Sir Thos. and Gerard Whorewood be postponed to next term, the defendants not being prepared with their proofs; that meanwhile a new commission be issued to examine the lands assarted and encroached in Kinfare, in question between them, and that the defendants pay to Chas. Nicholson 5*l.* costs for the delay.

[Oct.] 12. Bill by Att. Gen. Bacon, in the Court of Exchequer, against Fras. Broughton and others, relative to Winkfield and other lands in Berkshire, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest.

[Oct.] 13. Similar bill against Robt. Barker and others, relative to old Windsor closes, and other lands, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest.

[Oct.] 14. Similar bill against Sir Fras. Englefield and others, relative to Noade Lowebrooke, and other lands held by them, in Berkshire, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest.

[Oct.] 15. Answer of Sir Hen. Baynton to the information of Att. Gen. Bacon, by relation of Otho Nicholson, relative to waste ground belonging to the manor of Bromham, owned by him but claimed for the Crown, and lately enclosed by Nicholson, as belonging to the forest of Melksham, alias Blackmore, co. Wilts. Imperfect.

Oct. ? 16. Draft of a bill in the Exchequer by John Lord Stanhope, farmer of the King's manor of Rothwell, co. Northampton, and John Lambe, his under tenant, against the other tenants of the said manor, relative to the right of common and of a sheepwalk there.

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1614? Oct.? 17. Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses, on the part of John Lord Stanhope, and John Lambe, in their suit against Thos. Fox and others, relative to the right of common and of a sheepwalk, at Rothwell, co. Northampton.

Nov. 17. 18. Answers of Thos. Fox, Thos. Ponder, and Ralph Astell to the above bill of complaint, demurring against it, the cause having already been decided in their favour by common law, but vexatiously questioned by Lambe, in order to impoverish them; stating also the grounds of their claim to right of common.

Nov. 17.] 19. Draft of the above.

Nov. 18. 20. Answer of Sir Fras. Englefield, Bart., to the information of Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to Noade Lowbrooke, co. Berks, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as assart lands belonging to Windsor Forest.

21. Precedents of the use, in legal documents drawn up in Latin, of English phrases without Latin, of English words Latinized in termination, of Latin words made where no proper words exist, and of good Latin words used improperly; drawn up in reply to a demurrer on the expression "in officio domini regis armentarii, Anglicè the King's office of ordnance," occurring in the grant of an under clerk's place in the ordnance.

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1615. Feb. 4. 1. Plea in the Court of Exchequer, in the cause of John Lambe v. John Wiseman, relative to payment of 105*l.*, for which a bond was given by Lambe to Wiseman, &c.

[April.] Order in the Court of Exchequer, that new writs of fieri facias be awarded to the sheriff of Essex, for levying moneys from Sir Robt. Wiseman and others for recusancy, the sheriff pleading inability to execute the former writs. [*Vol.* CXCI., *No.* 24, *p.* 6.]

April? Order in the Court of Exchequer, that all processes on inquisitions into the value of the lands of Wm. Chalford, of Chipping Wycombe, recusant, shall cease, those lands being granted to Thos. Cavering, and the rent thereon duly paid. [*Ibid.*, *No.* 23, *p.* 7.]

May? 2. Account of moneys paid into the Exchequer at the prosecution of Rich. Putto, since Oct., 1611.

[May.] 3. Certificate of the Commissioners for the sequestration of Sir Chas. Cavendish's lands, in Sherwood Forest, co. Notts, of the lands sequestered by them. [*See Dom. Corresp., May* 20, 1615.] *Annexing,*

3. 1. *Copy of their commission, Westminster, Feb.* 13, 1615. *Latin.*

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June 12. Serjeants' Inn. 4. Mr. Attorney's brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Robt. Lane, respecting the ownership of Barford Ground and other lands belonging to Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton.

June 12. 5. Mr. Walter's brief in the above cause.

June 12. Serjeants' Inn. 6. Order in the Court of Exchequer, on the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Robt. Lane, for encroachments in Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton, and Lyfield Forest, co. Rutland,—made on default of appearance of the defendant,—that 160 acres of land in the former forest, and the lands called Wichley in the latter, belong to the King, and that Sir Robert be excluded from them, unless cause to the contrary be shown within eight days.

June ? 7. Order in the Court of Exchequer, in the aforesaid cause, ordering a writ of injunction against Sir Robt. Lane to yield the said lands to Otho Nicholson.

Oct. 12. 8. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Thos. and Gerard Whorewood, relating to the ownership of lands claimed for the Crown as belonging to Kinfare Forest. *Annexing,*

8. 1. *Note of objections intended to be made by the defendants to the plaintiff's proofs; and answers thereto.*

[Oct.] 9. Answer of Rich. Atkins, in the Court of Exchequer, to the vexatious information entered against him by the Attorney General, relative to the right claimed by him of pasturage in land supposed to belong to Chippenham Forest. Latin.

[Oct.] 10. Plea of Sir Rich. Burnaby v. John Lambe, for 600*l.*, being the triple value of the tithes of Sillesworth, belonging to the rectory of Watford, co. Northampton, of which he is owner, according to the Statute of Edw. VI. requiring the payment of threefold the value, for tithes not paid in kind.

Nov. 28 ? 11. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Chas. Cavendish, relating to lands in Hardwick, Kirkby, Tyngo, Edenstowe, &c.

Nov. 12. "Parcel Orders," Easter 1615; being memoranda of the dates on which certain payments became due from the Exchequer to parties specified, and of the payments made thereon.

1615 ? 13. Answers of Nich. Davy and others to the bill of complaint of Thos. Kendall, relative to the right to lands at Colewith, &c., sold by Walter Kendall to the plaintiff, July 4, 1614, but of which they hold leases for lives.

14. Replication of Att. Gen. Bacon to the answers of Robt. Seager and John Slade to the information brought against them and other tenants in Bromham and Chittowe, relative to right of pasturage claimed by them on grounds belonging to the Crown.

15. Note of moneys paid on behalf of Robt. Lincoln, recusant, of Hampshire.

1616. VOL. CXCVIII. JANUARY—SEPTEMBER, 1616.

Jan. 13. 1. Bill in the Court of Chancery, by John Lambe, of Northampton against Sir Rich. Burnaby, for demanding from him,o n behalf of his lands at Sillesworth, tithes for the impropriate rectory of Watford, co. Northampton.

Jan. 13. 2. Draft of the above.

Feb. 13. 3, 4. Order in the Court of Exchequer in the cause of John Lord Stanhope and John Lambe v. Thos. Fox and others, of Rothwell, co. Northampton, removing an injunction laid on the defendants, relative to the right of common claimed by them, as their claim is only from Midsummer Day, before which time the case will be decided, but continuing the injunction as regards a sheepwalk. Two copies.

Feb. 16. 5. Answer of Sir Rich. Burnaby, traversing the statement of the bill of John Lambe, plaintiff, that the owner of the manor of Watford has no claim to tithes from Sillesworth.

March 25. 6. Account of payments made and due to Mr. Whyniard, as Keeper of Westminster and Hampton Court.

[March.] 7. Note of payments made to Capt. Baugh, a pirate, since Dec. 1613, in part of a sum of 2,586*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

March. 8. Medical opinion on the health of [Sir Dud. Carleton], recommending a journey to the Spa as the best means of his restoration. Latin.

May 5. 9. Order in the Court of Exchequer, in the cause of John Lord Stanhope and John Lambe v. Thos. Fox, and other inhabitants of Rothwell, co. Northampton, touching the right of common, that a new commission shall be issued at the charge of the defendants, in order that their proofs may be more fully prepared.

May 10. 10. Order in the Court of Exchequer, in the above cause, refusing the request of the defendants for a new commission for examination of witnesses, they having had already sufficient time, and only asking more for the sake of enjoying the pasturage during the summer.

[May.] 11. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Rich. Atkins and Bridget Atkins, late wife of Thos. Berryman, against Otho Nicholson, Wm. Derson, and Thos. Ely, who farms the pasturage of Chippenham Forest, and others, for entering a suit against them, relative to their right to the pasturage of 40 kine and 2 bulls in Chippenham Forest.

May 29. 12. Answers of Otho Nicholson and Thos. Ely to the bill of Rich and Bridget Atkins, respecting the above right of pasturage.

[May.] 13. Bill by Att. Gen. Bacon, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir Hen. Neville, Sir Hen. Savile, and others, for withholding from the Crown certain lands held by them in Berkshire, for which they refuse to compound with the Commissioners [for defective titles].

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[May.] 14. Account of moneys paid to Sir Wm. Herrick, John Spilman, and Geo. Herriot, on the fee of 150*l.* a year granted to them as King's jewellers, by patent of Nov. 9, 1603; also account of further sums paid to Herriot on later Privy Seals, and for purchase of jewels.

[May.] 15. Copy of the former part of the above account.

[June.] 16. Replication of Rich. and Bridget Atkins, plaintiffs, to the answers of Otho Nicholson and Thos. Ely, defendants, respecting the right of common for 40 kine and 2 bulls in Chippenham Forest

June 12. 17. Order in the Court of Exchequer, with consent of counsel on both sides,—in the cause of Otho Nicholson v. Rich. Atkins, for intrusion into the commons of Chippenham Forest,—that the defendants shall be allowed to pasture 15 kine until the case be decided, instead of 40, as he has hitherto done.

[June.] 18. Answer of Sir Chas. Cavendish to the information of Att. Gen. Hobart, respecting lands held by him in co. Notts, and claimed for the Crown.

Aug. 28. Maidenhead. 19. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands, held by Rich. Barr, of Winkfield, and other tenants of the King, belonging to Windsor Forest, co. Berks. Latin.

[Aug.] 20. Verses by the Sieur de Maillet, in praise of the grace, eloquence, liberality, &c. of James Lord Hay, Ambassador in France.

Sept. 2. 21. Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of Rich. and Bridget Atkins, in their cause v. Otho Nicholson and Thos. Ely, relative to a right of common claimed in Chippenham alias Pewsham Forest, co. Wilts, by the late Sir Edw. Baynton, as to whether injury has been done by the enclosures lately made by Mr. Nicholson, &c.; with depositions of witnesses taken thereon. Also interrogatories to be administered on behalf of Otho Nicholson and others, in the said cause; with depositions taken thereon. Imperfect.

VOL. CXCIX. OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1616.

1616.
Oct. 10. 1. Deposition of Wm. Crawley, of Studley, parish of Colne, co. Wilts, in the cause of Nicholson v. Atkins.

Oct. 17. 2. Answer of John Fordham to the information of Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to the right of commons in Frith pasture, claimed by him but challenged for the Crown as belonging to the forest of Melksham alias Blackmore, co. Wilts. Damaged.

Oct. 18. 3. Depositions of Rich. Sharp, of Staple Inn, co. Middlesex, on behalf of Att. Gen. Bacon, in his suit against Sir Chas. Cavendish, relative to a plot of ground held by him, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to Sherwood Forest. Imperfect.

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1616. Oct. 22. 4. Depositions of John Fordham and Edw. Hickett, both of Melksham, Wiltshire, in the Court of Exchequer, relative to the removal of rails, &c. by Wm. Brunker, from land contested between himself and the Crown.

[Oct.] 5. Answers of Sir Thos. Tresham and others, defendants, to the information of Att. Gen. Bacon, respecting Geddington and other lands, co. Northampton, held by them, and claimed as belonging to the Crown. Imperfect.

1616? 6. Bill by Att. Gen. Bacon, in the Court of Exchequer, against Rich. Monday and others, for intruding into the pasturage, breaking down the rails, &c., in Melksham alias Blackmore Forest, co. Wilts.

7. Notes on a case in the Court of Wards, in which, by an order of Oct. 27, 1616, Lady Cutts was ordered to show cause for non-payment of money for maintenance of Audrey and Susan Poyntz, the King's wards, showing the unreasonableness of this order, she having already paid to Sir John Poyntz certain sums ordered for their maintenance.

8. Bill in the Court of Chancery of Thos. Kendall, of Pelin, Cornwall, against Walter Kendall, his cousin, relative to the ownership of two houses and gardens near Lostwithiel.

9. "A probleme, whence it comes to passe that the Court of Chancery of late is soe frequented, above other the common law courts at Westminster," attributing it, amongst other causes, to the conduct of the present Chancellor, who, by reason of the long time which he has sat, has seen many of his decrees confirmed by Parliament, &c.

10. Notes of the names of divers prisoners committed in London and the country, with the crimes of which they were accused, and the dates of their imprisonment, from 28 Hen. VI.

11. "The five years of King James, or the Condition of the State of England and the relation it had to other provinces; written by Sir Foulk Grevill, late Lord Brook." Printed, London, 1643. [*This is the first part of "Truth brought to Light by Time," published in* 1651, *and is identical with the MS. "Historical Narration" in Dom. Corresp., vol.* LXXXIX., *No.* 136, *calendared in p.* 649 *of the present volume, except that it has the addition of Sir Fras. Bacon's speech on the arraignment of the Earl of Somerset.*]

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1617. Jan. 8. 1. Probate of the will, dated Nov. 1616, of Thos. Whetenhall, son of Thos. Whetenhall, of East Peckham, Kent, and elder brother of Sir Hen. Whetenhall, bequeathing to Sir Henry his seals of arms, genealogical table, &c.; to sundry other persons numerous books named, &c.; and leaving large sums for support of the poor and ministry in London; Sir Hen. Whetenhall, Sir Hen. Finch, and others executors.

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1617.
[April.] 2. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Yelverton, against Sir Sebastian Harvey, Eliz. de la Fountaine, and others, relative to Abel's Mead and other lands in Essex, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

May? 3. Particulars of lands held by Wm. Whitmore, Randal Grovenor, Fras. Woolridge, Sir Thos. Whorewood, and others, in Morffe Forest, Shropshire.

May 1. Bridgenorth. 4. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Fras. Woolridge, Sir Thos. Jarvis, Randal Grovenor, Sir Fras. Lacon, and others, in Morffe Forest, co. Salop. Imperfect draft. Latin.

May 17. 5. Answer of Thos. Loggins to the information of the late Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to Litchfield Bourne and other lands held by him, but claimed by Otho Nicholson for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest, for which John Loggins, under whom the defendant claims, compounded with Nicholson for 120*l.*

May 23. 6. Answer of Sir Hen. Neville to the information of the late Att. Gen. Bacon relative to Newmead, Ashridge, and other lands in Berkshire held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest.

June 19. 7. Bill of Att. Gen. Yelverton, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir Nich. Hayes and others, relative to Hooke Mead and other lands held by them, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to the forest of Woolmer and Aylesholt, co. Hants.

June 19. 8. Like bill against Sir Pexall Brocas and others for lands held by them, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

[June.] 9. Like bill against the Marquis of Winchester, Sir Gerard Fleetwood, Sir Wm. Paulet, and others, relative to lands claimed as belonging to the same forest.

June? 10. Like bill against Sir Rich. Ticheborne, Sir John Hall and others, relative to lands, &c., co. Hants, claimed as belonging to the same forest. Damaged.

June? 11. Like bill against Sir Rich. Norton and others, relative to Linch closes and other lands, co. Hants, held by them, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

[June.] 12. Account of fees paid [at the Tower Record Office] for searches, transcripts, &c. during each of the four law terms, from Michaelmas, 1614, to Trinity, 1617. With an account appended of the dates of the records consulted, and the several objects for which the searches were made.

July 2. 13. Answers of Rich. Wakeford and Thos. Pescod to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to Blackmere closes, Selborne parish, co. Hants, held by them, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to the same forest.

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1617. July. 14. Account of moneys paid into the Exchequer by [Rich.] Putto, as received from persons specified, in various counties, since May, 1614 [*on account of his commission to levy debts and forfeitures due to the King. See Dom. Corresp.*, 1612, *April* 24.]

Sept. 15. Whitehall. Order in the Chapter of the Garter, that Sir Wm. Segar, Garter King-at-Arms, should receive yearly certain fees specified from Knights of the Garter, varying according to their rank, and should have an increase of 10*l.* per ann. to his salary. With list of fees paid by 21 knights, whose names are given. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1613, *Nov.* 4.]

Sept. 27. 15. Note of payments from the Exchequer made since 10 Nov., 1615.

[Oct.] 16. Bill in the Court of Exchequer, by Att. Gen. Yelverton, against Gerard Whorewood and others, relative to Dunsley waste and other lands, co. Stafford, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, a assarted from the forest of Kinfare.

[Oct.] 17. Draft of the above, giving also the name of Sir Thos. Whorewood, which is crossed out from the preceding copy.

Nov. 27. 18. Answer of Hum. Newbery to the information of the [late] Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to Ashridge and other lands in Berkshire, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Windsor Forest.

VOL. CCI. JANUARY—APRIL 1618.

1618. Jan. ? 1. Bill in the Court of Exchequer of Att. Gen. Yelverton v. Sir Gavin Harvey, Sir Edw. Coke, and others, relative to Rumford Ward, Giddy Hall, and other lands in Essex, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to the manor of Havering, Waltham Forest.

[Jan.] 2. Bill by Att. Gen. Yelverton, in the Court of Exchequer, against Sir Sebastian Harvey, Sir Edw. Coke, and others, relative to Westwood and other lands claimed by them, but belonging to the manor of Havering, Waltham Forest, Essex.

Feb. 10. 3. Answer of Sir Fras. Moore, Serjeant-at-law, to the information of the late Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to lands in Ashridge, Berkshire, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to [Windsor] Forest.

Feb. 17. Clewerwall. 4. Inquisition of survey of the extent and value of assart lands held by Sir Wm. Throckmorton, Bart., belonging to the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester. Latin.

Feb. 5. List of payments made to Mr. Wilmer [from the Exchequer] since June, 1617.

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1618.
April 23. 6. Answer of Thos. Hill to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to Buckhurst Farm and other lands, parishes of Woodford and Chigwell, Essex, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

April 24. 7. Like answer of Robt. Symonds relative to Walthamstow closes and other lands in Essex held by him, but claimed for the Crown as belonging to the manor of Salisbury Hall.

[April.] 8. Answer of John Hale to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to encroachments made by his late father, Edw. Hale, on the King's forest of Kinfare, co. Stafford.

[April.] 9. Bill by Att. Gen. Yelverton, in the Court of Exchequer, against Dame Eliz. Finch, And. Finch, and numerous others, relative to Eppingberry and other lands, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest, Essex.

[April.] 10. Like bill against Sir Bernard Whetshon, Sir Hen. Lee, Sir Thos. Baker, and others, relative to Woodford closes and other lands in Essex, held by them, claimed as belonging to the same forest.

[April.] 11. Like bill against Geo. and John Noades, Sir Simeon Felwell, and others, relative to lands in Essex held by them, claimed as belonging to the same forest.

[April.]. 12. Like bill against Sir Robt. Wiseman and others relative to Oldlands and other lands in Essex held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

April? 13. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir Robt. Wiseman and others in the above cause.

April? 14. Brief in the above cause, as relating to Sir Robt. Wiseman only. Imperfect.

April? 15. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General against Wm. Rowe, relative to Higham Hall, Walthamstow, and other lands in Essex, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

VOL. CCII. JUNE—DECEMBER, 1618.

1618.
June 5. 1. Answer of Rich. Peacock to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to land in Lambourne parish, Essex, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

June 7. 2. Like answers of Geo. and John Noades, relative to the manor of Goures Buckerells and other lands owned by them, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

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June 11. 3. Like answer of Hum. Harris relative to his right to certain lands in Staffordshire, claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Kinfare Forest, but held by him in right of his late father, Rich. Harris, who was impleaded therefor with Sir Thos. and Gerard Whorewood and others.

June 17. 4. Answer of Sir Wm. Burlacy, Sir Robt. Killigrew, and Sir Hen. Savile to the information of the late Att. Gen. Bacon, relative to Ashbridge and other lands, co. Berkshire, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to [Windsor] Forest.

June 22. 5. Answer of Edw. Palmer, and five others, to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to Dewshall manor and other lands in Essex held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

June 23. 6. Answer of Eliz. de la Fountaine, widow, to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to lands held by her in Essex, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest. Imperfect.

June? 7. Brief of the cause of the Attorney General v. Eliz. de la Fountaine, relative to Dover manor, and other lands in Essex, owned by her, but claimed for the King, as part of Waltham Forest.

[June.] 8. Brief of the cause of Eliz., widow of Thos. Cheney, cousin and heir of Hen. late Lord Cheney, and others, v. Sir John Crofts,—kinsman to Lady Cheney, widow of the said Lord Cheney,—and his wife, in reference to the reversion of the manor of Tuddington and other lands, co. Bedford, claimed by both parties.

July? 9. Account, presented to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, of moneys paid by Epiphan Haworth, of Herefordshire, recusant, since Nov. 1611 ; total, 6*l.* 10*s.*

Oct. 8. 10. Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of Att. Gen. Yelverton, in his suit against Sir Hen. Neville, Sir Hen. Savile, Sir Wm. Burlacy, and others, relative to the right to Ashridge and other grounds held by them, but claimed for the Crown ; with depositions thereon of Edw. Mansell, of Clerkenwell, Middlesex, and Sam. Parsons, of London.

Oct. 20. Star Chamber. 11. Order in the Court of Star Chamber, in the suit of Helier, merchant, of Salisbury, against Bedford and others, magistrates of Southampton,—for issuing an attachment on his goods, and permitting no bail,—that the said magistrates were exercising lawful jurisdiction, and could not be questioned, unless malice could be proved, &c.

Oct. 29. 12. Answer of Thos. Barefoot to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to Great Riddings, and other lands in Essex, held by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

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Oct. ? 13. Brief in the cause of the Attorney v. Thos. Barefoot, relative to Lamborne Hall, Great Riddings, and other lands in Essex, owned by him, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

Nov. 4. Star Chamber. Order in the Court of Star Chamber, that —— Truder be fined 500 marks, and imprisonment, for trying to suborn the servant of —— Ratcliffe, to deliver him copies of his master's evidences; and that the servant be fined 200 marks, and imprisoned. [*Dom. Corresp., vol.* CCII., *No.* 11.]

Nov. 7. 14. Receipts of 20*d.* each for the Easter and Michaelmas terms, as rental of the manor of Oder, co. Kent.

Nov. 16. 15. Order in the Court of Exchequer, in the cause of Att. Gen. Yelverton v. Wm. Rowe, relative to Higham Hall, Walthamstow, and other lands in Essex, claimed for the Crown as belonging to Waltham Forest,—of which thecontents of the bill and answer are given,—that 140 acres of the said land having been adjudged to belong to the Crown, and due time having been allowed the defendant to make composition therefor, but none being made, a commission be appointed to set out and claim the said land for the Crown.

Nov. ? 16. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. the Marquis of Buckingham, relative to the manor of Wanstead, owned by him, and claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Waltham Forest.

Nov. ? 17. Like brief in the cause v. Sir Hen. Colte, touching the claim of the latter to Clayhall, and other lands in the parish of Barking, Essex, claimed as belonging to the same forest.

Nov. ? 18. Like brief in the cause v. Wm. Comyngs, relative to Reden Court, and other lands in Havering, Essex, claimed as belonging to the same forest.

Nov. ? 19. Like brief in the cause v. Peter Humble, relative to lands owned by him, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

Nov. ? 20. Like brief in the cause v. Wm. Lord Roos, and others, relative to Walthamstow, and other lands in Essex, held by them, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

Nov. ? 21. Like brief in the cause v. Geo. Scott, Esq., touching certain lands at Wolverston, alias Wolfhampton, owned by him, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

Nov. ? 22. Like brief in the cause v. John Wright and others, relative to lands in Essex held by them, but claimed as belonging to the manor of Havering, in the same forest.

Nov. ? 23. Like brief of the cause v. John Wroth, relative to Chigwell and other lands in Essex, owned by him, but claimed as belonging to the same forest.

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Nov. ? 24. Like brief in a cause between the same parties, relating to the lands of Loughton, Essex, similarly claimed.

Nov. ? 25. Particulars of encroachments made by John Wroth on lands in Loughton, over and above the 1,172 acres granted him by patent 11 Jac. I.; and of similar encroachments in Chigwell. With query, whether he shall be dealt with for purprestures or for encroachments in the latter case, as he holds the manor of Chigwell only in estate tail, of which the remainder is in the Crown.

[Nov.] 26. Particulars of the appearance and comparative situation of the comet, as seen on Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22. Latin.

Dec. 27. Note of payments made in the Exchequer since March 1, 1615. Indorsed, "Risbrooke."

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Jan. 4. 1. Answers of Rich. Harris, and others, to the information of Att. Gen. Yelverton, relative to a right of common claimed by them in lands said to belong to the Crown, as part of Kinfare Forest.

March 16. New Alresford. 2. Inquisition of survey of lands held by Sir Rich. Norton, and others, belonging to Woolmer and Aylesholt forests, co. Hants. Latin.

[March.] 3. Two Elegies on the death of Queen Anne, of Denmark, wife of James I. At the end is a draft of a petition from a yeoman of the King's vestry to Bp. Lancelot [Andrews], dean of the chapel, for relief in sickness.

April 23. Star Chamber. 4. Order in the Court of Star Chamber, that Saltmarsh, Undersheriff of Yorkshire, and six bailiffs, be fined, for violence and misdemeanors towards Lady Waterhouse, in executing a writ of outlawry against her husband, Sir Edw. Waterhouse.

April 28. Star Chamber. Like order, that Sir Edw. Gower, of Northumberland, be fined 500 marks, for sending a challenge to —— Brantling; and that —— Jamieson, an alderman and justice of peace, be fined 1,000 marks for the same offence, with 200*l.* damages to Brantling, for injuring him in his trade by false slanders. [*On the same paper as the preceding.*]

April 28. Star Chamber. Like order, that —— Weston, High Sheriff for Radnorshire, be fined 200*l.*, and 100*l.* damages, for not executing a writ of outlawry against —— Bradshaw, whose house he hired during his shrievalty. [*Ibid.*]

April 29. Exchequer Chamber. 5. Order in the Court of Exchequer, that if Sir Edw. Coke, Sir Robt. Quarles, and others, summoned to answer to a bill of the Attorney General for encroachments on the manor of Havering, Waltham Forest, Essex, do not answer this term, writs of attachment shall be issued against them, and they punished for contempt of court.

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May 7. Star Chamber. 6. Proceedings in the Star Chamber against Sir Robt. Metcalf, and others, for a riot against —— Robinson, who was put in possession of a house whence Metcalf had been ejected ; the latter raised a body of men, and laid siege to the house, and they were only stayed by the arrival of a serjeant from York. Metcalf then contrived, by a packed jury, to have Robinson and his party found guilty of murder, on an inquest upon a man who was shot by them, whilst defending themselves ; for these offences Metcalf was heavily fined and imprisoned, and his accomplices also punished.

May 8. 7. Indenture of sale from Dr. John Lambe to Sam. Mercer, of Northampton, for the sum of 40*l.*, of the rectory impropriate and church, &c. of Colensby, co. Northampton, with the advowson of the vicarage, to be held of the Crown, as of the manor of East Greenwich, at a rental of 1*s.*

June 16. 8. Order in the Court of Exchequer, that such of the inhabitants of Havering in Waltham Forest, as have formerly appeared to the bill of complaint, shall give in their answers before sealing day of this term, on penalty of addition of 40*s.* to the costs, and that those who have answered shall be heard next term without delay.

June 17. 9. Account of payments made by Lionel Wright, executor of Rich. Wright, collector of customs on tobacco, as the balance of his account for two years past. Total, 49*l.* 19*s.* 4½*d.*

1619 ? 10. Notes on fines levied by Commissioners for sewers in the County Palatine of Durham, proving that such commissioners existed before the Statute of 23 Hen. VIII. ; also notes on the extent of the present commission, and the disposal of the fines, which were adjudged to belong to the Bishops of Durham.

11. Decree in Chancery between Sir John Walter, Attorney General of the Prince, and the tenants of the barony and lordship of Kendal, relative to the enfranchisement of their copyholds.

12. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Edm. Waring, Hum. Harris, and John Hale, for intrusion into lands in Kinfare Forest belonging to the Crown, formerly held and compounded for by Gerard Whorewood and others, but the terms of composition for which have not been observed.

13. Replication of Att. Gen. Yelverton to the answer of Edm. Waring, Hum. Harris, and John Hale, in the above cause.

14. Brief in the cause of the Attorney General v. Sir John Dauncey Hen. Sadler, and Ambrose Dauncey, relative to Parkers and other lands in Wiltshire, held by them, but claimed for the Crown, as belonging to Melksham Forest.

15. Brief in the cause of Hen. Blake v. Otho Nicholson, for enclosing certain grounds in the forest of Pewsham alias Blackmore, co. Wilts, belonging to the plaintiff.

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1619 ? 16. Certificate by eleven hearers, of the exposition given in a sermon on Exod. xx. 16, in which was reprobated the Popish doctrine of equivocation and teaching to speak lies.

17. Certificate, by the same persons, that Mr. Turnell, in his sermon on Psalm lvii. 4, spoke generally, without application to particular persons; that he applied the example of Demas to revolters and backsliders; that his sermons on the fourth commandment were made before the reading of the King's book for lawful recreations; that he was called in question for them at a court leet held in Horninghold, but acquitted; and that he reproved his hearers for leaving church before service was ended.

18. Extract from the works of the Archp. of Spalato, the right of deposition of an elected monarch. With a pedigree of Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia, showing her connexion, through the Kings of Denmark and Electors of Brandenburgh, with the imperial house of Austria. Latin.

1620.
March 15. Leicester. 19. Inquisition of lands held by Thos. Russell, Fras. Earl of Rutland, and others, in Leicestershire, for which, as lying between the bounds of the several parishes, no tithes are paid. Latin.

May 11. Stratford-Langthorne. 20. Like inquisition of assart lands held by Robt. Freeman and others, belonging to the forest of Waltham, Essex. Damaged.

May 31. 21. Names of the Dutchmen brought into the Star Chamber by the old and new bills; viz., "old that doe demurr; old that doe answere; new that were in the last bill without proof against; meere new, that never were in the last bill." With note of a few against whom there are certain proofs.

Aug. 22. Accounts of payments made into the Exchequer by John Acton since Dec., 1618, and of the objects to which they have been appropriated; viz., new year's gifts, presents to foreign ambassadors, &c.

1620 ? 23. List, containing thirty-two items, of persons to whom payments have been made on Privy Seals or patents, of dates specified; with other memoranda of payments; 1613–1620.

24. Answer of Edw. Wardour to the bill of complaint of Sir Robt. Winde, relative to the repayment of 33*l.* borrowed from the defendant by John Pinchbeck, on behalf of the plaintiff, but which, being used by Pinchbeck for himself, the plaintiff refuses to repay. Imperfect.

1621.
[June.] 25. Accounts of moneys paid out of the Exchequer upon certain grants from the Crown, dating from June 19, 1605, to July 4, 1620; the payments made from July 13, 1605, to June 19, 1621. A series of thirty-seven papers, of which Nos. 5, 10, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27–29, 35, and 36 are wanting. Among the grantees are Roger Earl of Rutland, Wm. Lord Burleigh, Jas. Lord Hay, Lord Aubigny, Robt. Visct. Lisle, Thos. Earl of Suffolk, Visct. Haddington, &c.

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1621. Sept. 26. Brief on the cause between [Geo. Montaigne], present Bp. of London, and Joan King, widow and administratrix of the last Bishop, whose average yearly revenue was 1,855*l.*, relative to repairs required at Fulham House, Much Haddam House, Stortford Gate House, the bridges at Fulham, Acton, Ealing, and other places, belonging to the bishopric.

1621? 27. Statement of the cause relative to the right claimed by certain tenants of the parish of Heston to exemption from tithes, for payment of which they are sued by Sir Robt. Killigrew, to whom the Bp. of London granted a lease of the rectory and tithes. Mr. Noye and Serjt. Hendon are both of opinion that the tithes should be paid, the former Bp. of London having purchased them for a valuable consideration from Queen Elizabeth.

28. Extracts from records, legal authors, Acts of Parliament, &c., from the time of Edw. III., relative to the treatment of gentleman prisoners, in reference to taking of bail. [*Compiled by Sir Robt. Heath.*]

29. "Sir John Michell's case, to be communicated to the Lord Keeper;" being his claim to the manor of Strelley, as son and heir of Elinor Strelley, owner of one moiety, and purchaser of the other moiety from Mary Strelley; detailing the descent of the manor from Sir Ant. Strelley. Printed.

30. Pedigree of the descendants now living of Chas. Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, in number 57 persons at least.

31. Confutation, drawn up by Sir Rich. St. George, Norroy [for Earl Marshal Arundel ?], of the opinion that honours and titles of dignity descend as lands, and are determinable by common law.

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1622. April 19. 1. Transfer from Michael West, of Towcester, to Wm. Shepherd, of Caldecot, both co. Northampton, of the residue of a lease of Thorney Close, and other lands in Blisworth, held from the former in trust for the maintenance of Thos. West, about to be married to Elinor Shepherd.

July 2? 2. Note of the desire of the College of Physicians for power to punish offenders against their statutes, through defect of which many complaints are daily made. Printed.

Aug. 1? 3. "A brief discourse of the Earl of Nottingham," Chas. Howard, his ancestry, titles, &c. Part of an heraldic MS. Imperfect.

Aug. 1? "Collections of English matters of England's Marshals," being copies and extracts from ancient records, relating to the office of Earl Marshal. Imperfect. [*Ibid.*]

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1622.
Aug. 1 ? 4. "Proofs of the Earl Marshal's place and authoritie in the Court of the Marshalsey," drawn up by Peter Ball for the Earl Marshal, and presented with a request for permission to add to the former proofs such other as shall hereafter occur.

Aug. 1 ? 5. Notes of patents granting the office of constable or sub-constable, and marshal or vice-marshal of England, to commissioners, some of whom were below the rank of noblemen.

Aug. 1 ? Mode of judicial proceedings to be observed in the Court of the Earl Marshal. [*Part of an imperfect MS. Dom. Corresp., vol.* CXXXII., *No.* 83, *fol.* 122.]

Aug. 1 ? Orders to be observed in the Earl Marshal's Court. [*Ibid., fol.* 131.]

Aug. 1 ? Collections out of records touching the usage and practice of the Constable and Marshal Court in England. [*Ibid., fol.* 142.]

Aug. 1 ? 6. Extracts from records relating to the office of Lord High Constable of England.

Sept. ? 7. Account of the services and sufferings of Capt. Killigrew and Capt. Ferdinando Carey at Bergen-op-Zoom, the preservation of which is mainly owing to them. Dutch.

Dec. 4 ? 8. Queries proposed to Walter Pye, Attorney of the Court of Wards, in the case of Frances Lady Willoughby v. Robt. Lord Willoughby and others, relative to her rights of dower in certain property of the late Lord Willoughby, to her exemption from any share of his debts, her claims for the maintenance of her younger children, &c.; with his answers interlined.

Dec. 9. State of the pell rolls of issue and receipt, with names of many of the clerks by whom they were drawn up, from 39 Eliz.

1622 ? 10. State of the case in the Court of Requests, between Mary, widow of Robt. Essex, and Sir Edw. Greville, the former suing the latter for a pretended debt to her late husband, but for which she can bring no proofs.

11. State of the case between Merton College [Oxford] and John Good, concerning the lease of Maldon, Surrey, granted by the college to Queen Elizabeth for 5,000 years, given by her to Hen. Earl of Arundel, and by him sold to Joan, the mother of John Good. The land being much improved by new buildings, the college now attempts to reclaim it, notwithstanding the confirmation of the lease by Parliament. With considerations on the importance of maintaining this confirmation.

1623.
March ? 12. Brief in the cause of Wm. Hunton v. Thos. [Roe] and other executors of the late Alderman Jaye, relative to payment of 150*l.*, borrowed by Hunton from the Alderman, but which was to be deducted from 1,000*l.* promised by the Alderman as a legacy to Hunton, on account of his marriage with his daughter, Elizabeth Jaye.

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1623. Dec. 17. Westminster. Grant to Sir Rich. St. George, Norroy, of the office of Clarencieux King-at-Arms. Latin. [*Dom. Corresp.*, 1613, *Nov.* 4.]

1623? Star Chamber. 13. Statement of the case of John Cave v. Ant. Blewett and others, Certain lands in Somerby, co. Leicester, belonging to Geo. Dansey and his wife, were demised by the husband, without consent of the wife, to Ant. Blewett. The wife demised the lands to John Cave, who complains that Blewett disturbs and threatens his servants in reaping the corn, &c., sues him in the Star Chamber, declares he will spend 500*l.* rather than lose his suit, and that with money he could win in any court of England, whatever were his cause.

14. Brief of the proofs against the pretended nuncupative will of Thos. Pigott, in the case of Eliz. Corbett, alias Pigott, v. Walter Pigott, her eldest brother, who claims almost the whole property by the said will. Indorsed with notes, made on the authority of Dr. Ryves, King's Advocate.

15. Brief of proofs, on the part of Walter Pigott, of the validity of the nuncupative will of Thos. Pigott, his late father, made In his favour.

16. Brief of the defence on the part of —— Jones, in the case of Jones v. Kimpton, relative to the case of Jane Jones, containing exceptions against Kimpton's witnesses, &c., the will being supposed to be made after the testatrix had lost full possession of her faculties.

17. Brief of the corroboratory proofs of the witnesses on the side of Tuke, in the case of Chas. Cotton and Olive Stanhope v. Geo. Tuke, defending the character of Tuke's witnesses, &c., and quoting letters from Sir John Stanhope, expressive of regret at the marriage of his daughter Olive with Chas. Cotton, and requesting Mr. Tuke to bring up the witnesses thereto.

18. Brief of the cause in the Court of Delegates, of Wm. and Thos. Whitway, administrators of Wm. Bulpitt, alias Richardson, and Jane Benwell, supposed natural daughter of Bulpitt, as to whether Bulpitt was not past consciousness when he made his will, the pen being guided by Jane Benwell when he set his mark to it.

19. Answer of Nich. Kendall to the bill of complaint of Wm. Broode, touching the right to the tenement called Potherman, mortgaged by Walter Kendall to John Harris, &c.

20. Abstract, by Mark Pelley, clerk, of the statutes against bankrupts, from 13 Eliz. to 21 Jas. I.

21. Heraldic treatise on the nature and dignity of an Earl, on the Earl Marshal and his Court, on the dignity, rights, and privileges of the Barons of England, &c. Imperfect. [*This treatise was commenced during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but completed during that of her successor.*]

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22. "Observations concerning the Nobility of England, ancient and modern," being a treatise on the several grades of nobility, their jurisdiction, forms of their patents of creation, revenues, &c. Also, notes on the style to be used by the King towards a viscount.

23. Extracts from records, to prove that the usual style towards viscounts was "dilectus et fidelis noster," and that the words "consanguineus noster" were only used in case of relationship to the royal family.

24. Will of Wm. Willaston, of Willaston, co. Salop, also citizen and merchant of London, and brother-in-law of Edw. Allen, alderman of London, leaving the remainder of his estate, after numerous bequests, &c., to the president and governors of Christ's Hospital, London, for the benefit of deserving ministers; Wm. Cockayne, or, in case of his refusal, Sam. Armitage, executor.

25. Notes from records, concerning the liberties of the Cinque Ports. [Indorsed by Nicholas.]

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1624.
[Jan.] Order in the Court of Exchequer for repayment of moneys seized from Rich. Collyn for rental of the house called Piltons, in Paringdon, and other lands, co. Essex, supposed to be holden from the King, it appearing that the lands are held of Sir Rich. Altham and Sir Hen. Colte, as lords of the manors of Great and Little Paringdon. [*Vol.* CXCI., *No.* 24, *p.* 11.]

Feb. 11. Serjeants' Inn. [Sir Edw. Bromley] to Sir John Osborne, Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer. Warrant for a writ of assistance to be awarded to the Sheriff of Oxfordshire, in behalf of Sir Rowland Lacy, the late sheriff. [*Ibid., p.* 25 *b.*]

May 10. The Same to the Same. To grant discharge to such sheriffs of Buckinghamshire as stand charged with the issues of the lands of Hen. late Earl of Kent; Sir Edw. Coke, owner of Chippenham and Stoke, part of those lands, having proved for his part that the said debts are satisfied, and Sir Marmaduke Darell, owner of Fulmer, another part, asking time for similar proof. [*Ibid., p.* 14.]

May 11? The Same to the Same. He is to deduct from the account of Sir John Denham, late Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, the sum in which Throgmorton and others stand bound as sureties for Sir John Lee, Keeper of the Stores in the Tower, the same obligations being granted to Pat. Murray, Cupbearer to the Prince. [*Ibid., p.* 12.]

May 11? The Same to the Same. To deduct from the same account such parts of the lands of Phil. Scudamore extended for the King as are now in tenure of Sir Marmaduke Darell, who is in treaty with Mr. Murray for the same. [*Ibid.*]

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May 11. Sir Edw. Bromley to Sir John Osborne. To deduct from the accounts of Sir John Denham and Sir Wm. Fleetwood, late Sheriffs of Buckinghamshire, sums due for subsidies from the lands of Arthur and Thomas, late Lords Grey, which lands are now granted to the Duke of Buckingham, who promises to take order for the payment. [*Vol.* CXCI., *No.* 24, *p.* 12.]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge Sir John Denham from the arrears of the manor of Milton-Keynes, co. Bucks, in the tenure of Sir Thos. Chamber, seized as the lands of the late Sir Wm. Stafford, the manor being in the King's hands by the minority of the heir, Wm. Stafford. [*Ibid., p.* 12 *b.*]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge the Same for the arrears of subsidies due by John Lord Mordaunt, which the King has pardoned. [*Ibid.*]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge the Same from the issues of the lands of Bastian, Keale, and others, ordered to be seized, as no sheriff has been able to find the said lands in the county. [*Ibid., p.* 13.]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge Sir John Vaughan, late Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, from the issues of the lands in Hanslope Parish, co. Bucks, held by Robt. Parrett, who was outlawed, as he is now prosecuting a discharge of his outlawry. [*Ibid.*]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge the present sheriff of Buckinghamshire from the sums due by Sir Ant. Greenway, Sheriff in 1610, for non-payment of issues of lands, and non-attendance at courts, as he is compounding for the same with the King. [*Ibid., p.* 13 *b.*]

May 11 ? The Same to the Same. To discharge Sir John Denham from the issues of the lands seized for the debts of Benedict Winchcombe, late Sheriff of Bucks, he having paid the said debts. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 12. Serjeants' Inn. The Same to the Same. To discharge Sir Wm. Fleetwood, Sir Fras. Goodwin, or any other Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, from the issues of lands, &c. in Brill, Borestall, and Ockley, seized into the King's hands for the arrears of the accounts of Sir John Denham, formerly Sheriff, Sir John having given surety for his account, and being freed by the late general pardon from fines for contempt and neglect, in reference to the said accounts. [*Ibid., p.* 20.]

Oct. 19. 1. Order in the Court of Requests, referring to Sir John Coke the decision of the causes of Walter Nurse v. Grimbald and Mary Pauncefoot, and meanwhile staying all suits between the parties. With notes of meetings summoned thereon, for Jan. 26 and June 3, 1625.

[Oct.] 2. Bill in Chancery of Sir John Lambe, of Rothwell, co. Northampton, v. Sir Rich. Burnaby and Edw. Shugborough, relative to their claim of tithes from his manor of Sillesworth, as owners of the impropriate rectory of Watford.

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Oct. ? 3. Statement of proceedings in the Audience Court, in the cause between Sir John Lambe and Edw. Shugborough, relative to the aforesaid cause.

4. Statement, with note, &c. by Sir Robt. Heath, of the case of the Earl of Devon's claim to the right of common in Leicester Forest, as holding certain lands formerly belonging to St. Mary's Abbey, Leicester, to which that right was annexed.

5. Answer of the defendants in the cause of Sir Thos. Pelham, Bart., v. Sir Geo. Newman and Thos. Fulnetby, for imprisonment of Rich. Bourne, servant of Pelham.

6. Office copy of the pleadings in an action brought by Sir Thos. Pelham, Bart., against Sir Geo. Newman, Thos. Fulnetby, and others in the aforesaid cause. Latin.

7. Answer by John Edwards, partner of the late John Smith, draper of London, to the complaint of Thomas, son of John Smith, relative to his retaining in his custody certain bonds, &c. belonging to his late father. Imperfect.

8. Brief on behalf of Eliz. Grace, administratrix of Jas. Grace, executor of Art. Hollingworth, relative to the value of the estate of the latter the payments made therefrom.

9. Brief on the part of Drewett, in the cause of Drewett v. Ann Thoms for breach of contract of marriage.

10. Brief of the defence in the cause of Anne Matthewes v. Geo. Ramsay, proving that the defendant, being Fellow and President of Christ's College, Cambridge, related to the Earl of Holderness, and brother of Sir Jas. Ramsay and David Ramsay, who are of the Privy Chamber to the King and Prince, is an unsuitable match for the plaintiff, who is the daughter of a poor pie woman in Cambridge, and of an ill carriage.

11. Brief on Matthewes' part, in the case of Anne Matthewes v. Geo. Ramsay, for breach of promise of marriage.

12. Notes from records, relating to the liberties, jurisdiction, and privileges of the Cinque Ports. Two papers. [*Indorsed by Nicholas.*]

Dover Castle. 13. List of fees received by Mark Packenham, Clerk of Admiralty causes in the Cinque Ports, for prisoners committed, bonds, pardons, &c.

14. Plan of a window, with the names of the persons whose arms are emblazoned thereon, the uppermost being the King, Edward the Confessor, and Queen Elizabeth. [*Probably the eastern window in the hall of the Inner Temple.*]

15. List of 21 pictures, done by famous masters, at present in the King's possession.

1625. 16. Answers of Sir Rich. Burnaby and Edm. Shugborough to the
Jan. 19. bill of Sir John Lambe, relative to tithes of his manor of Sillesworth

claimed by them as belonging to the impropriate rectory of Watford, co. Northampton.

Feb. 10. 17. Examinations on interrogatories, at the suit of Sir John Lambe, of Jeremy Caldom, Keeper of the King's Head Inn, Cranbrooke, Kent, relative to his knowledge of an attempt of Jas. Merryfield, fishmonger, of London, to arrest Thos. Courthope, in his inn, on Jan. 10, 1624, of the escape of the latter, or his beating of Merryfield.

Feb. 18. Portion of an account, pp. 19—32, of moneys paid into the Exchequer by recusants, Bishops, Sheriffs of counties, Collectors of impositions and subsidies, Patentees of special licences, owners of Crown lands, &c., chiefly from Sept. 1624.

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19. Inquisition on the lands held by Sir Wm. Ayloffe, belonging to the manor of Havering-atte-Bower, being 741 acres, value 75*l.* per ann., above the rent of 12*d.* paid to the King, and all other reprisals. Imperfect.

20. Bill of —— in [the Court of Exchequer] for repayment of money borrowed from him by Thos. Kendall, in order to the repayment of sums which he has himself borrowed from Rob. Rawlins, of Plymouth. Draft, imperfect, and much damaged.

21. Statement that in the Chancery cause of Rich. Harpe and others v. Thos. Taylor and Wm. Powell, relating to the property of the late Chas. Yoman, scrivener, the defendants, having the property in their own hands, endeavour to protract the cause, by uncertain answers, sueing for delay, &c.

22. Particulars, by Geo. Watkins, of a journey taken by himself and John Wilson, to investigate the right of ownership of the manor of Saddlescomb, claimed by —— Stapeley, in opposition to Mr. Goring; with reasons why the cause should be deferred, the Lord Treasurer having purchased part of the barony of Lewis, to which the said manor belongs, and the proofs on Stapeley's part not being complete.

23. Legal opinions on the validity of marriage contracted by an insane person, or by one who, though insane, has lucid intervals, as applicable to the case of Medcalfe v. Wandesford.

24. Replication of Ant. Stafford to the answer of Chas. Stafford the King's ward, and of Ann Lady Farmer, his guardian, asserting the same to be uncertain and insufficient, and declaring the truth of the former complaint, that arrears are still due to the ward from an annuity of 40*l.* on the Manor of Milton, Keynes, co. Bucks, left him by his great-grandfather.

25. Notes to prove that fines levied for the King on suits in the Common Pleas, for recovery of debts of 40*l.* or upwards, are equally due if the suits are removed to other courts, and that they are not granted away in any general grant of fines and amerciaments, unless specially expressed.

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26. Statement of the disadvantages accruing from removal of actions for debt from the courts at Westminster to country courts, and of the benefits that would result from the trial of important causes in the chief courts.

27. Account of such persons as are privileged to bring their suits into the Exchequer, being debtors, farmers, and accountants to the King, &c., and of the reasons why so many suits are brought into that court.

28. "Discourse on "what robes and apparel the judges are to weare, & howe the serjeants-at-law are to weare their robes, and when."

29. Particulars of Hatfield Park, Essex; rental 205*l.*, purchase money 2,800*l.*, though thought to be worth much more.

30. Particulars of the newly improved grounds in the lordship of Hatfield, which are already divided, being 9,858 acres; with note that 200 or 300 acres remain still to be divided.

31. Memorandum of the fishing at Lewis, and the other Hebrides' isles; containing an account of the kinds of fish caught, the salting, and the principal markets for each description of fish.

32–35. Receipts, by Edw. Nicholas, for a purging ale, a medicine for a cold, a medicine for a phlegm, and an electuary to purge the gripes. With note, by Nicholas, to Mr. Partridge, to make up the last receipt for him. Four papers.

36. Essay on the nature and original of civil government, especially as to the right of election, and the nature of a representative government.

37. Treatise on "the true greatness of Kingdoms' estates." [Translated from the Latin of Lord Bacon.]

38. Plan of part of Audley End House, the residence of the Earl of Suffolk; with Latin motto [by Sir Thos. Wilson].

39. Two fragments of an heraldic work, on the precedency of Knights' Councillors, of noblemen remarried to persons of inferior rank, the promotion of the husband of an heir general to the rank of her father, &c.

40. Brief sketches of the lives of eminent lawyers; Wm. Rustall, Sir John Popham, Sir Ant. Fitzherbert, Sir John Fortescue, Sir John Markham, and Sir Robt. Danby.

41. Account of the Court of King's Bench; the nature of the causes tried there, the duties of the several officers, the manner of proceeding in different causes brought before that court, &c.

42. Certeyn breyfe Instruccons for an attorney or suche others, towards practise in the Court of Common Plees, in three points, viz., Of the rules and orders of an attorney there; of accions, writs, and processes there used; of the cases which such an attorney may pleade, and putt in to be recorded, without the hand of a sergeant at lawe."

43. "A Discourse touching the present Consultation concerning the Peace with Spain, and the retaining of the Netherlands in society and protection." By Sir Walter Raleigh.

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„ 4.	1614 - -	11	„	January to April.
„ 5.	1615 - -	6	„	April to July.
„ 6.	1617 - -	8	„	April to July.

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